



Almanac FOR The Reformed Church

IN THE
UNITED STATES

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD

1855



QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head: yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Almanac for the Year of our Lord 1895, being a common year of 365 days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
New Moon.	First Quarter.	Full Moon.	Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn.	♂ Mars.	♀ Venus.	☽ Moon.
				♃ Jupiter.	☉ Sun.	☿ Mercury.	♺ Herschel.
δ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.		□ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.					
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.		△ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.					
§ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.							

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, . . . . .	.F	Epact,	4	Roman Indiction,	8
Golden Number, or Lun. Cycle, 15		Solar Cycle,	28	Julian Period,	6608
The Jewish Era, with their 5656th year, commences on the 19th of September, 1895.					
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1313th year, commences on the 24th of June, 1895.					

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 10.	Palm Sunday,	April 7.	Whit Sunday, or Pentecost, June 2.
Sexagesima " "	Maundy Thursday,	11.	Trinity Sunday, " 9.
Quinquagesima " "	Good Friday,	12.	Corpus Christi, " 13.
Shrove Tuesday, " "	Easter Sunday,	14.	Decoration Day, May 30.
Ash Wednesday, " "	Rogation Sunday, May	19.	1st Sunday in Advent, Dec. 1.
Quadragesima Sunday, Mar. 3.	Ascension Day,	23.	Sundays after Trinity are 24.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters ♍ March 20th,	4 o'clock 5 minutes, afternoon.
Summer Solstice,	" " ☽ June 21st,	12 " 5 " noon.
Autumnal Equinox,	" " ☾ September 23d,	2 " 5 " morning.
Winter Solstice,	" " ☿ December 21st,	8 " 5 " evening.

(♄) Saturn is called the Governing Planet this year.

MORNING STARS.

Venus after September 19th.	Venus until September 19th.
Mars after October 11th.	Mars until October 11th.
Jupiter after July 10th.	Jupiter until July 10th.
Saturn until April 24th, after November 2d.	Saturn after April 24th, until November 2d.
Mercury to January 9th, from February 25th to May 4th, from July 1st to August 17th; from Oct. 25th to Dec. 20th.	Mercury from January 9th, to February 25th, from May 4th to July 18th, from August 17th to Oct. 25th, after Dec. 20th.

EVENING STARS.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1895.

There will be five Eclipses this year; three of the Sun and two of the Moon.

1. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, March 10th and 11th, visible generally; the beginning, in western portion of Asia in Europe, North and South America; and the ending, in the western portion of Europe and Africa, North and South America, and the Pacific Ocean.

TIMES OF THE PHASES.

Moon enters penumbra March 10th, 7 o'clock, 57 min., evening.	Total Eclipse ends March 16th, 11 o'clock, 27 min., evening.
Moon enters shadow " 8 " 53 " "	Moon leaves shadow " 11th, 12 " 24 " morning.
Total Eclipse begins " 9 " 51 " "	Moon leaves penumbra " 1 " 21 " "
Middle of Eclipse " 10 " 39 " "	Magnitude of the Eclipse = 1.627, (Moon's diameter = 1.)

2. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, March 26th, invisible in the U. S.; visible in Labrador, Greenland, Atlantic Ocean and Western Europe.

3. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, August 30, invisible in America, visible in Eastern Europe and Western Asia, and Arctic Ocean.

4. A Total Eclipse of the Moon September 3d and 4th, visible generally; the beginning, in the western portion of Europe and Africa, in the Atlantic Ocean, North and South America, and the Eastern Pacific Ocean; and the ending, in the Western Atlantic Ocean, North and South America, and the Pacific Ocean.

TIMES OF THE PHASES.

Moon enters penumbra Sept. 3d, 9 o'clock, 47 min., evening.	Total Eclipse ends Sept. 4th, 1 o'clock, 47 min., morning.
Moon enters shadow " 10 " 59 " "	Moon leaves shadow " 2 " 53 " "
Total Eclipse begins " 4th, 12 " 6 " morning.	Moon leaves penumbra " 4 " 6 " "
Middle of the Eclipse " 4th, 12 " 57 " "	Magnitude of the Eclipse = 1.557 (Moon's diameter = 1.0.)

5. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, September 18th, invisible in America, visible in South Pacific Ocean, Eastern Australia and Tasmania.

Carefully calculated for the Meridian of Philadelphia, by WILL R. IBACH.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. PLACE.			ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.			S.	SUN			HIGH WATER PHILA.
			H.	M.	S.	A.	M.H.	M.H.	M.H.	M.H.	M.H.	M.H.	M.
Tuesday	1 New Year	1 Pet. 2: 12-19	10	8	16	♀ sets 5 17 e.	☽	47	23	4	37	5	37
Wednesday	2 Martyrs H. Scrip	Philip. 2: 1-11	11	7	0	⊕ in Perihelion	● in ♀	47	23	4	37	6	17
Thursday	3 Gordius	1 Pet. 4: 12-19 morn		14		☽ 24 south 11 5 e.	57	23	4	37	4	47	
Friday	4 Titus	Eph. 3:	12	29	28	☽ 4. ♀ rises 1 59 m.	57	22	4	38	7	21	
Saturday	5 Simeon	Psalm 24	1	27	13	♂ ☽ 3. ☽ sets 1 45 m.	67	22	4	38	8	7	

1] Epiphany.

Isaiah 9: 1-6; Matt. 2: 1-12.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 minutes.

Sunday	6 Epiphany	John 1: 29-34	2	26	27	Aldebaran south 9 23 e.	67	21	4	39	8	47
Monday	7 Wittekind	" 1: 28-51	3	19	11	Polaris south 6 9 m.	77	21	4	39	9	32
Tuesday	8 Severinus	" 2:	4	16	25	♀ in Aphelion ♂ ♀	77	20	4	40	10	...
Wednesday	9 Catharine Zell	" 3:	5	15	11	♂ 24 ♀. ♂ ♀ ⊕ Superior	87	20	4	40	11	39
Thursday	10 Paul of Thebes	" 4:	6	13	25	☽ ♀ sets 5 45 e.	87	19	4	41	12	38
Friday	11 Fructuosus	" 5:	7	11	9	☽ 11. ● in ♀ per. ♀ rises 1 33 m.	87	19	4	41	1	18
Saturday	12 J. Castellian	" 6: 1-25	6	48	23	♂ sets 1 35 m.	97	18	4	42	1	56

2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany.

Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 26 min.

Sunday	13 Hilary	John 4: 26-71	8	6	6	Capella south 9 31 e.	97	17	4	43	2	34
Monday	14 Felix	" 7:	9	39	19	☽ 24 south 10 16 e.	97	16	4	44	3	11
Tuesday	15 John a' Lasco	" 8: 1-20	10	32	1	Regulus ^{south} 2 18 m. ● in ♀	107	16	4	44	3	54
Wednesday	16 Geo. Spalatine	" 8: 21-50	11	47	15	♀ sets 5 52 e.	107	15	4	45	4	35
Thursday	17 Anthony	" 9:	morn	27		☽ 17. Spica ^{rises} 12 6 m.	107	14	4	46	5	22
Friday	18 John Blackader	" 10: 1-21	12	36	9	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♂ ♀	117	13	4	47	6	16
Saturday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	" 10: 22-42	1	39	20	♂ ☽ 3. ☽ sets 1 24 m.	117	12	4	48	7	24

3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany.

John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	20 Fabian and Sebastian	Mark 1: 1-20	2	34	2	⊕ enters ☾	117	11	4	49	8	36
Monday	21 Agnes	" 1: 21-45	3	39	14	♂ rises 12 56 m.	127	11	4	49	9	41
Tuesday	22 Vincent	" 2:	4	45	26	☽ 24 south 9 41 e.	127	10	4	50	10	50
Wednesday	23 Isaiah	" 3: 1-19	5	44	8	Arcturus rises 10 30 e.	127	9	4	51	11	48
Thursday	24 Timothy	" 3: 20-35	6	32	21	☽ 25. Orion ^{south} 9 16 e.	127	8	4	52	12	23
Friday	25 Paul's Conversion	" 4:	7	11	4	♂ sets ☽	137	7	4	53	1	10
Saturday	26 Polycarp	" 5: 6: 1-6	6	6	17	● ^{In} Apo. ♂ ♀ ☽ ☽ ⊕ ☽. ☽ ♀ ☽	137	6	4	54	1	54

4] 3d Sunday after Epiphany.

Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 min.

Sunday	27 Jno. Chrysostom	Mark 6: 7-29	7	3	0	7* south 6 52 e.	137	5	4	55	2	41
Monday	28 Charlemagne	" 6: 30-56	8	1	14	♂ rises 12 30 m.	137	4	4	56	3	25
Tuesday	29 Juventine	" 7: 1-23	9	9	28	Rigel south 8 22 e. to ♀	137	3	4	57	4	3
Wednesday	30 Henry Müller	" 7: 24-37	10	13	11	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	147	2	4	58	4	45
Thursday	31 Hans Sachs	" 8:	11	14	25	☽ 24 south 9 3 e.	147	1	4	59	5	27

Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 4th, 2 o'clock, 52 minutes, morning.
 Full Moon, 11th, 1 " 49 " "
 Last Quarter, 17th, 5 " 55 " evening.
 New Moon, 25th, 4 " 25 " "

Conjectures of the Weather:

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, stormy with snow; 5, 6, 7, fine;
 8, 9, misty; 10, 11, frosty; 12, 13, cold; 14, 15, variable;
 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, cold; 21, 22, misty; 23, 24,
 snow; 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, cold; 29, 30, 31, coldest days.

JANUARY.

A Happy New Year
of Grace and
Blessing to all the readers
of THE ALMANAC!

THE NEW YEAR.

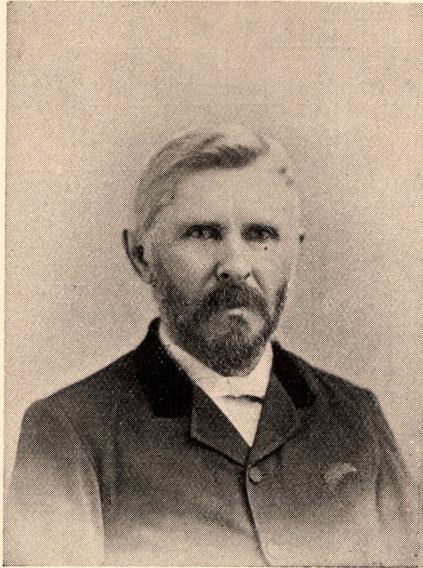
The New Year comes! all hail!
Go forth, my soul, and give him
greeting glad;
Let not the New Year find us sad,
Though all our hopes should fail.
He brings new days wherein we may
Do better deeds than those the old
year knew,
Be faithful, O my soul! and just and
true,
He too shall pass away.

WHAT were the human influences which tended to form the character of the boy Jesus?

He lived in the country; He belonged to the working-class and learned sympathy with the common people; He was brought up in a godly home; He attended the worship of God in the synagogue and temple; He was instructed in the Scriptures.

AS dawns the opening of the year before you,
Firm in the faith of Jesus ever stand;
Through all your pathway let the Master lead you,
Follow the guidance of His loving hand.

MANY of the most pious men and women of our day are of those who early formed the habit of regular church attendance; and not a few of those who are to-day successfully preaching the gospel to others, would themselves be walking in the paths of sin, had it not been for the exercise of that parental authority which from early years required their uniform attendance upon the services of God's house.



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Almanac for 1895

THE thirty-second issue of this popular year-book of the Reformed Church, goes forth with its usual amount of facts and figures of the Church. Pastors, consistories, mite and missionary societies should aid in its circulation, that it may do good for the Church.

CHAS. G. FISHER, D. D.,
Editor.

PAY your preacher in full this year if you never did before. He needs it, and your church needs the precious results which would come to it of doing such a proper and right, and possibly unusual thing.

THE training of the home and the characteristics of parents are revealed in the conduct of the children. Tiberius said, as he stood with the empress looking at their child: "What could be born of us but a monster?" The conduct of the young Jesus at Jerusalem does credit to Joseph and Mary. He did not turn his steps to the military camps, or the museums, or the palaces, or the stores, but to the temple. This was evidence that the great subject of conversation in his home was the worship of God. Unless parents are watchful over themselves, their children will put them to shame in the presence of the world.

LITTLE by little, sure and slow,
We fashion our future of bliss or woe,
As the present passes away.
Our feet are climbing the stairway bright,
Up to the region of endless light,
Or gliding downward into the night,
Little by little, and day by day.

THE year begun how shall it end?

FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

1895

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI.	SUN RISES SETS	HIGH WATER PHILA.
Friday	1 Ignatius	Mark 9:	11 59	 11	♂ ♀ ♀ . Sirius south 9 40 e. ☐	1416	595	1 6 23
Saturday	2 Purificat'n of Vir.	" 10: 1-31	morn.	 23	 2. ♂ ♀ D. ♂ 1 2 mi. sets	1416	585	2 7 40

5] *4th Sunday after Epiphany.*

Matt. 8: 23-37; Rom. 13; 1-7.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 6 minutes.

Sunday	3 Ansgar	Matt. 3:	1 11	6	♀ sets 6 35 e.	146	575	3	8 54
Monday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 4: 1-22	2 26	20	♂ ♀ ☽. ♀ south 8 46 e.	146	565	4	9 53
Tuesday	5 P. J. Spener	" 4: 23; 5: 1-12	3 43	4	□ ☿ ☽. ♂ ♀ ☽	146	555	5	10 48
Wednesday	6 Amandus	" 5: 13-32	4 51	17	☽ in ☽. ☿ rises 11 55 e.	146	545	6	11 28
Thursday	7 Geo. Wagner	" 5: 32-48	5 53	0	♂ sets 12 58 m.	146	535	7	12 0
Friday	8 Maria Andreæ	" 6:	6 39	14	□ ☿ ☽. 7* south 6 14 e.	146	525	8	12 48
Saturday	9 John Hooper	" 7:	☽ rises	26	☽. 9* in ☽ gr. E per. ☿ long. east ☽ sets 5 55 e.	146	515	9	1 28

6] *Septuagesima Sunday.*

Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-27.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 20 min.

Sunday	10 F. C. Oettinger	Luke 3:	5 40	♂	9	♂ ♀ ♀ . ♀ in Perihelion	146	505	10	2	11
Monday	11 H. de St. Victor	" 4:	6 56	♂	24	♀ sets 6 54 e. ● in ♀	146	485	12	2	53
Tuesday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 5:	8 20	♂	4	♀ south 8 13 e.	146	475	13	3	34
Wednesday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 6: 1-19	9 28	♂	16	Spica rises 10 8 e.	146	465	14	4	14
Thursday	14 Brun. v. Querfur	" 6: 20-49	10 41	♂	28	♂ ♀ ♀ . ♀ rises 11 24 e.	146	445	16	5	54
Friday	15 Jacob Von Loh	" 7:	11 52	♂	9	♀ stationary. ♂ ♀ ♀	146	435	17	6	19
Saturday	16 Matth. Desbüas	" 8:	morn	♂	21	16. ♀ sets 12 43 m.	146	425	18	7	9

7] *Sexagesima Sunday.*

Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	17 Pat. Hamilton	Luke 9: 1-36	12 3	3	♀ sets 7 9 e.	146	41	5	19	8	7
Monday	18 Simeon Jerus.	" 9: 37-62	1 17	15	Canopus south 8 25 e.	146	395	21	8	54	
Tuesday	19 Mesrob	" 10:	2 37	27	♀ stationary. ☽ enters	146	385	22	9	45	
Wednesday	20 Sadoth	" 11: 1-36	3 33	9	Procyon south 9 16 e. ☐	146	375	23	10	32	
Thursday	21 Mænrod	" 11: 37-12; 1-12	4 46	22	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	146	365	24	11	11	
Friday	22 Washington's Birthday	" 12: 13-59	5 44	6	● in apo. ♀ stationary	146	345	26	11	54	
Saturday	23 B. Zeingenbalg	" 13: 1-21	6 32	19	♂ sets 12 35 m.	146	335	27	12	48	

8] *Quinquagesima Sunday.*

Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 56 min.

Sunday	24	Matthias	Luke 13: 22-35	2 sets	8	24.	♂ ♀ ☽. ♂ ♀ ☽ ☽	In- ferior	136	325	28	1	25
Monday	25	Casp. Olevianus	" 14:	6 53	21	b	rises 10 40 e.	in ☽	136	315	29	2	6
Tuesday	26	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	" 15:	7 50	6	♂	♀ ☽ ☽	sets 7 35 e.	136	295	31	2	49
Wednesday	27	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	" 16:	9 6	18	Orion	south 7 8 e.	136	285	32	3	45	
Thursday	28	Jno. ^{de} Mon. Corv.	" 17: 1-19	10	2	7	♀	south 7 10 e.	136	275	33	4	28

Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 2d, 7 o'clock, 16 minutes, evening.

Full Moon, 9th, 12 " 23 " noon.

Last Quarter, 16th, 8 " 8 " forenoon.

New Moon 24th 11 " 43 " "

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, variable; 2, 3, 4, rain or snow; 5, 6, 7, cold and clear; 8, misty; 9, 10, snow; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, cold; 16, 17, 18, misty with snow; 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, stormy; 23, 24, 25, cold and windy; 26, variable. 27, 28, cold.

FEBRUARY.



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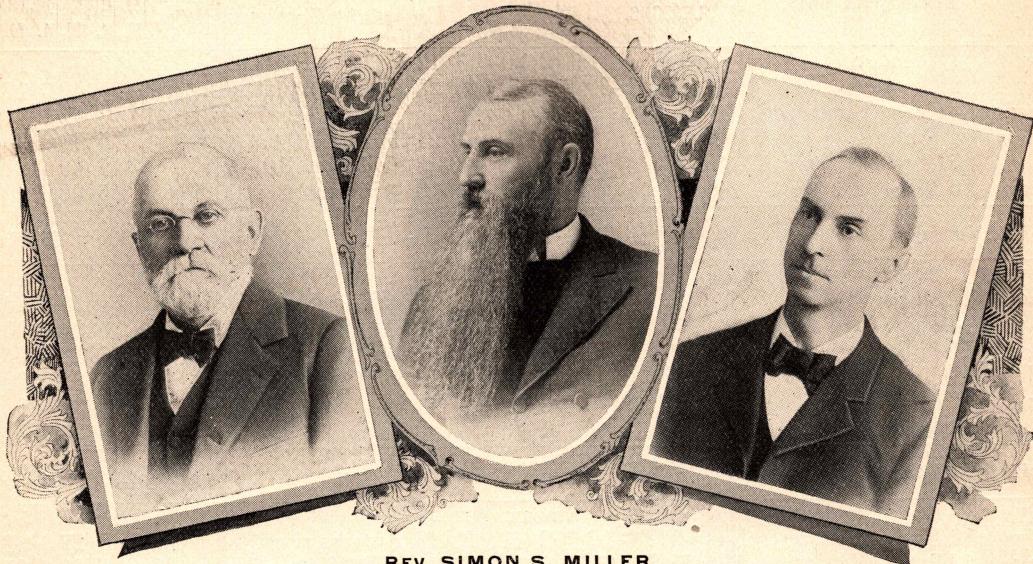
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APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI. M. H.	SUN RISES M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
Monday	1 Theodore	John 12:	12 20	12	6 24 ☽. Rigel sets 9 57 e. ☽	45	44 6 16	5 48
Tuesday	2 Theodosia	" 13: 1-30	1 40	25	2. Aldebaran sets 10 38 e.	45	43 6 17	6 45
Wednesday	3 Gerb. Tersteegen	" 13: 31; 14: 1-38	2 48	28	☽ 24 sets 12 37 e.	35	42 6 18	7 43
Thursday	4 Ambrose	" 15:	3 18	21	☽ rises 8 2 e.	35	40 6 20	8 37
Friday	5 Christ. Scriver	" 16:	3 48	3	Sirius sets 10 4 e.	35	39 6 21	9 35
Saturday	6 Albert Durer	" 17:	4 16	15	● in per. ♀ sets 8 58 e.	25	38 6 22 10	32

14] *Palm Sunday.*

John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-10.

Day's Length, 12 hours, 46 minutes.

Sunday	7 Olaus Petersen	Lam., Jeremiah	4 42	27	☽ sets 11 52 e.	25	37 6 23 11	44
Monday	8 Martin Chemnitz	Heb. 8:	5 12	9	Spica south 12 13 m.	25	35 6 25 12	37
Tuesday	9 Theo. v. Westen	" 9:	☽ rises	21	☽ 9. 24 sets 12 17 m.	25	34 6 26	1 11
Wednesday	10 Fulbert	" 10:	8 13	1	☽ 2. ☽. ☽ rises 7 37 e.	15	33 6 27	1 50
Thursday	11 Maundy Thurs	John 6:	9 32	13	☽ ☽ ☽. Regulus south 8 41 e. ☽	15	31 6 29	2 48
Friday	12 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	10 35	27	Wega rises 8 21 e.	15	30 6 30	3 38
Saturday	13 Justin Martyr	Heb. 4:	11 29	9	♀ sets 9 9 e.	05	29 6 31	4 47

15] *Easter Sunday.*

John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 4 min.

Sunday	14 Easter Sunday	Matt. 28:	morn.	21	☽ sets 11 34	sun 5	28 6 32	5 54
Monday	15 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	12 41	3	Antares rises 10 24 e. ☽	fast 5	27 6 33	6 51
Tuesday	16 Peter Waldo	Acts 2: 22-47	1 11	15	☽ 16. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	05	25 6 35	7 45
Wednesday	17 Mappalicus	1 Cor. 15:	1 47	28	☽ 24. ♀ sets 11 50 e.	15	24 6 26	8 38
Thursday	18 Luther at Worms	Rom. 6:	2 23	11	● in apo. ☽ rises 7 3 e.	15	23 6 37	9 20
Friday	19 Melancthon	" 8:	2 56	24	Alphacca south 1 40 m.	15	22 6 38	10 1
Saturday	20 Jno. Bugenhagen	1 Cor. 3:	3 24	8	♀ sets 9 32 e.	15	20 6 40	10 41

16] *1st Sunday after Easter.*

John 20: 19 31; 1 John 5: 4-12.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 22 min.

Sunday	21 Anselm of Cant.	John 1:	3 54	33	○ enters 8. 7* sets 9 11 e.	15	19 6 41	11 21
Monday	22 Origen	" 2:	4 44	8	☽ south 12 7 m.	25	18 6 42	12 2
Tuesday	23 George of Capp.	" 3:	5 22	23	☽ 6 ☽. Sirius sets 9 36	25	17 6 43	12 45
Wednesday	24 Wilfrid	" 4:	☽ sets	8	☽ 24. 8 ½ ○. Arctur	25	15 6 45	1 24
Thursday	25 St. Mark, Evang.	" 5:	7 54	23	☽ 6 2. sets 10 2 e. ○ in ♀	25	14 6 46	2 7
Friday	26 Trudpert	" 6: 1-40	9 2	8	♀ sets 11 21 e.	25	13 6 47	2 40
Saturday	27 Otto Catelin	" 6: 40-71	10 1	24	☽ ♀. ☽ ψ. ♀ sets 9 46 e.	25	12 6 48	3 19

17] *2d Sunday after Easter.*

John 10: 11-16; 1 Peter 2: 20-25.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 38 min.

Sunday	28 Fred. Myconius	John 7:	11 4	7	☽ sets 11 24 e. ☽	35	11 6 49	4 7
Monday	29 L. v. Berquin	" 8: 1-30	11 58	21	☽ 2. ☽. ☽ ψ. ☽ ♀	35	10 6 50	5 11
Tuesday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 8: 31-50	morn.	5	♀ in Perihelion	35	9 6 51	5 56

Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 2d, 4 o'clock, 27 minutes, evening.
 Full Moon, 9th, 8 " 43 " forenoon.
 Last Quarter, 16th, 6 " 22 " evening.
 New Moon, 24th, 8 " 11 "

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, variable;
 10, 11, rain; 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, warm; 16, 17, rain;
 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26,
 27, cloudy; 28, 29, 30, rain.

(☽). Saturn is in opposition with the Sun on the 24th, and shines all night.

APRIL.



BETHESDA DEACONESS HOUSE, FRANKLIN AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

BETHESDA DEACONESS HOUSE.

THE Reformed pastors of Cleveland, O., feeling that the Church needed the devoted heart and trained hand of the deaconess to minister to the poor and nurse the sick in that city, organized in July, 1892, a Deaconess Society. Not intended to be strictly denominational, it was, however, deemed best to have the control of it in the hands of members of the Reformed Church. Its Board of Directors consists of four laymen, four women and four ministers, all members of the Reformed Church. Its membership is about *two hundred and thirty*; each annually contributing *one dollar*.

Miss C. Broeckle, an educated and experienced Deaconess-nurse of high standing, from Germany, was called to the work of the Society, and in November, 1893, she began her efficient labors by nursing in private families. It soon became evident that more such devoted women were needed

for the work. And these must be educated and trained for it. To do this it became necessary to have a hospital. Accordingly, in February, 1894, the "Bethesda Deaconess House" was opened in a small, frame building. Soon the building was found to be too small, and a larger building had to be secured. A suitable one, at a rental of forty-five dollars a month, was found facing the beautiful "Circle" on Franklin Avenue. It was occupied in August, 1894. It is roomy and complete.

A member of the First Reformed (German) Church of the city has donated a lot 100 x 150 feet, which will, in time, be made available for this worthy cause.

This is the origin of the first Reformed Deaconess House. May many more grow out of this small beginning!

Any further particulars can be ascertained by addressing Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen, D. D., 105 Fulton St., Cleveland, O.

MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H.	MOON'S PLACE. M. S. A.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs. RISES M. H. M.	SUN SETS M. H. M. H. M.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
Wednesday	1 Philip and James	John 9:	12 57	17	1. Arctur ^{south} _{11 34} e. ☪	35	7 6 53	6 28
Thursday	2 Athanasius	" 10:	1 47	0	Sirius sets 9 4 e.	35	6 6 54	9 25
Friday	3 Monica	" 11:	2 13	12	● in per. ♡ sets 10 58 e.	35	5 6 55	8 40
Saturday	4 Florian	" 12:	2 47	24	6 ♀ ☽ Superior. ☽ in ♈	35	4 6 56	9 52
18]	3d Sunday after Easter.	John 16: 16-22; 1 Peter 2: 11-19.	Day's Length, 13 hours, 54 minutes.					
Sunday	5 Fred'k the Wise	John 13: 14:	3 37	6	♀ in ♐. ♀ sets 9 59 e.	35	3 6 57	10 59
Monday	6 John of Damasc.	" 15:	4 11	18	♂ sets 11 14	45	2 6 58	11 55
Tuesday	7 Flav. Domitilla	" 16: 17:	4 41	0	♂ ♀ ♂ Orion sets 9 14	45	1 6 59	12 20
Wednesday	8 Stanislaus	" 18:	♂ rises	12	8. ♀ ☽ ♂ ♂ ♂	45	0 7	0 1 6
Thursday	9 Greg. Mazianen	" 19:	8 20	24	♀ in Perihelion	44	59	7 1 1 51
Friday	10 John Henglin	" 20:	9 18	6	♂ south 10 51 e.	44	58	7 2 2 37
Saturday	11 John Arndt	" 21:	10 16	18	Spica south 10 4 e.	44	57	7 3 3 15
19]	4th Sunday after Easter.	John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 8 min.					
Sunday	12 Meletius	Heb. 1; 2:	11 0	0	♀ sets 10 30 e.	44	56	7 4 3 55
Monday	13 Servatius	" 3; 4:	11 59	12	Libræ south 11 47 e. ☪	44	55	7 5 4 38
Tuesday	14 Pachomius	" 5; 6:	morn.	25	♂ sets 11 2 e.	44	54	7 6 5 25
Wednesday	15 Moses	" 7:	12 0	8	♂ Rigel sets 8 7 e.	44	53	7 6 20
Thursday	16 Five Martyrs of L.	" 8:	12 27	21	16. ● in apo. ^{Antares} rises 8 31 e.	44	52	7 7 13
Friday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 9:	12 54	4	♂ south 8 14 e.	44	51	7 9 8 9
Saturday	18 80 Marts. with Val.	" 10:	1 19	18	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ ^{sets} 10 17 e. ● in ♐	44	50	7 10 9 5
20]	5th Sunday after Easter.	John 16: 23-33; James 1: 22-27.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min.					
Sunday	19 Alcuin	Heb. 11:	1 49	2	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 10 8 e.	44	50	7 10 10 2
Monday	20 Val. Herberger	" 12:	2 9	16	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	44	49	7 11 10 56
Tuesday	21 Constantine	" 13:	2 37	1	○ ^{en-} ters. □. ^{Agenib} rises 11 12 e.	44	48	7 12 11 46
Wednesday	22 Castus ^{and} Amelius	John 14:	3 3	16	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	44	47	7 13 12 10
Thursday	23 Ascension Day	Col. 2:	3 41	1	♂ south 7 50 e.	44	46	7 14 12 54
Friday	24 Aug. Cazalla	John 15:	♂ sets	16	24. Castor ^{sets} 8 43 e.	44	46	7 14 1 38
Saturday	25 Augustine	" 12:	8 52	1	♂ ♀ ♂. ♂ ♀ ♂ ^{Aldebaran} rises 3 13 e. ☪	34	45	7 15 2 20
21]	6th Sunday after Easter.	John 15: 26-16; 14; 1 Peter 4; 8-11.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 32 min.					
Sunday	26 Beda Venerabilis	John 1:	9 54	16	♂ ♀ ♂. ♀ sets 9 46 e.	34	44	7 16 3 10
Monday	27 John Calvin	" 2:	10 55	0	♂ ♀ ♂. ♂ ♂ ♂. ♀ ^{sets} 10 25 e.	34	43	7 17 4 2
Tuesday	28 Lanfranc	" 3:	11 39	13	♂ sets 10 39 e.	34	43	7 17 5 11
Wednesday	29 David Zeisberger	" 4:	morn.	26	● in per. Sirius ^{south} _{8 51} e.	34	42	7 18 6 17
Thursday	30 Memorial Day	" 5:	12 17	9	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	34	41	7 19 6 59
Friday	31 Joachim Neander	Joel 3:	12 37	21	31. ♂ ^{south} _{7 18} e. ● in ♐	34	41	7 19 7 48

Moon's Phases.

First Quarter, 18th, 10 o'clock, 44 minutes, evening.
 Full Moon, 8th, 6 " 58 " "
 Last Quarter, 16th, 12 " 43 " noon.
 New Moon, 24th, 7 " 46 " forenoon.
 First Quarter, 21st, 3 " 48 " morning.

Conjectures of the Weather.

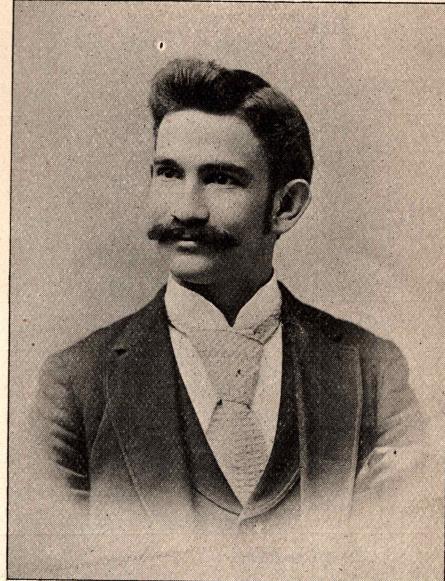
1, 2, 3, fair and cool; 4, 5, 6, cloudy; 7, 8, 9, cool rains; 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, warm; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, warm; 22, 23, 24, windy, with rain; 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, warm; 29, 30, clear; 31, thunder showers.

MAY.



MISS LENA ZURFLUH.

Teacher in Girls' School, Sendai, Japan.



REV. SYLVANUS S. SNYDER.

Christian Endeavor Missionary to Sendai, Japan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE Board of Foreign Missions is constituted as follows: *President*, Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D.; *Vice-President*, Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D.; *Secretary*, Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.; *Treasurer*, Elder Jos. L. Lemberger, Ph. M.; *Revs.* A. R. Bartholomew, P. Greding, D. D., Jacob Dahlman, D. D., J. S. Kieffer, D. D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Elders B. Kuhns, J. Y. Dietz, J. Z. Gerhard, M. D.

The work in Japan is going forward with the most inspiring success. The educational policy adopted eight years ago has reached its fruitage. The primary aim is to raise up a native ministry, and to nurture girls into a Christian womanhood; and secondarily, to train up a Christian laity, both male and female. Our two schools are of the proportions of colleges, and each year graduates are leaving their halls. The last year the number of students was about the same as the year preceding.

The Mission was reinforced during the year 1894 by the sending out of Rev. S. S. Snyder, as Christian Endeavor Missionary, and his wife, and Miss Lena Zurfluh. The latter of whom sailed from San Francisco, Cal., August 15, 1894, and the former from Vancouver, B. C., September 17, 1894. A second male missionary, Mr. Christopher Noss, is under appointment, but is not expected to go to Japan until the after-part of 1895. Miss Lena Zurfluh takes the place occupied by Rev. Dr. J. P. Moore and wife, and Dr. Moore resumes actively his work as head of the Evangelistic Department.

The number of conversions was greater during the year 1893-94 than the preceding. Every aspect of the work is promising, and with a favorable response by the home Church, and the continued blessing of our heavenly Master, the Board is encouraged to look for still increasing results in winning souls to Christ.

JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.

1895.

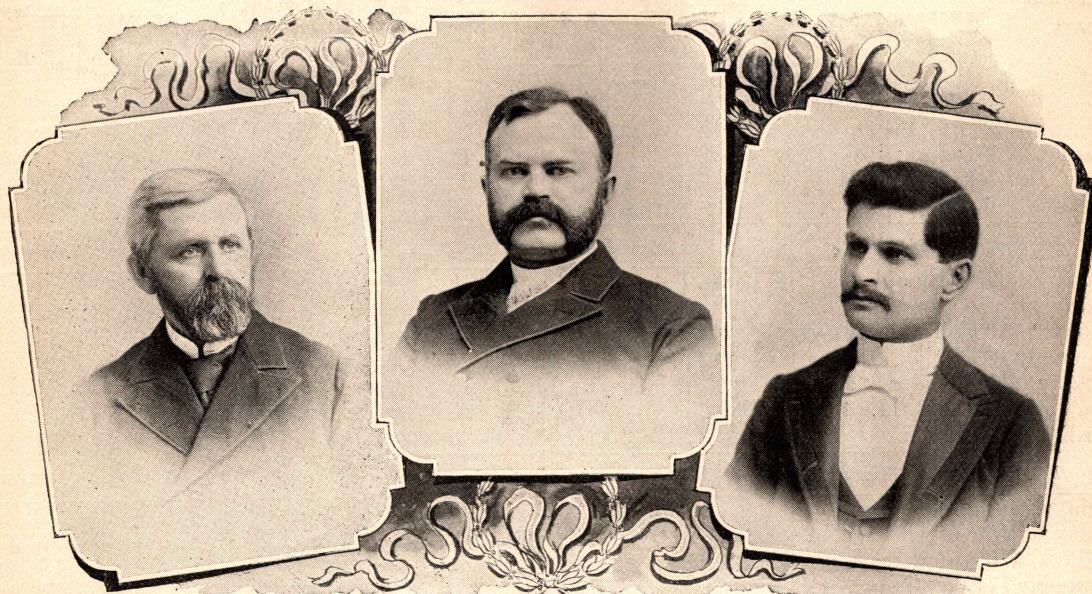
Moon's Phases.

Full Moon, 7th, 6 o'clock, 0 minutes, morning.
 Last Quarter, 15th, 6 " 27 " "
 New Moon, 22d, 4 " 50 " evening.
 First Quarter, 29th, 9 " 0 " forenoon

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, cool; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, cloudy;
11, 12, 13, warm; 14, 15, clear; 16, misty and rain; 17,
18, 19, fair; 20, 21, misty; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, cloudy;
26, 27, rain; 28, 29, 30, fair.

JUNE.



W. W. MOORE, A. M.,
Rector of Franklin and Marshall Academy,
Lancaster, Pa.

REV. J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, A. M.,
President of Allentown College for Women,
Allentown, Pa.

REV. H. L. BEAM, A. M.,
Late President of the College of
Northern Illinois, Dakota, Ills.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP.

THE object of this organization of young men is to "spread Christ's kingdom among young men." It continues to increase in numbers and usefulness in the Reformed Church, and in the favor of other denominations. Chapters are now regularly enrolled in eleven denominations, viz., the two Reformed Churches, Congregational, Presbyterian (North and South), Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, United Brethren, United Presbyterian, and Lutheran Churches. There are Executive Councils in the Reformed, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, looking after their own denominational work. These Councils and the Chapters in the other churches co-operate and unite in a Federal Council, which carries forward the general work and issues *The Brotherhood Star*. This paper is the official representative of the Order, and it is now firmly established as a journal for young men.

The Reformed Church has reason to be gratified that she has given this Society to the churches of our land. There are now 5,000 men enrolled in the 220 Chapters, scattered in some twenty-five States of the Union. Chapters have been formed in Theological Seminaries, as at Yale, Chicago, New Brunswick, etc., and a number of Chapters have engaged in Sunday-school work. The Convention of the Reformed Chapters, Lancaster, November 9-11, was largely attended. The officers of the Reformed Executive Council are President, Rev. J. H. String, Philadelphia; Secretary, W. O. Anderson, Baltimore, Md.; Treasurer, Charles Knight, Bethlehem, Pa.

The officers of the Federal Council are:

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, *Pres't*; T. A. Wonder, *Gen. Sec'y* and *Treas.*, 1423 Mosher Street, Baltimore, Md. The General Secretary will respond to all inquiries, and give instructions for the organizing of Chapters.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON			MOON'S PLACE.		ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.			S.	SUN	HIGH WATER PHILA.	
			R & S.	M.	S.	H.	M.	A.	SI.	RISES	SETS	M. H.	M. H.	
Monday	1 H. Voes and J. Esch	Acts 13: 13-52	12	42	6	⊕	in Aphelion	☽	44	36	7	24	8	39
Tuesday	2 Visit Virgin Mary	" 14:	1	32	18	6	⊗ D.	☽ sets 12 46 m.	44	37	7	23	9	36
Wednesday	3 Otto Bishop	" 15:	2	12	0	0	Wega south 11 45 e.	44	37	7	23	10	29	
Thursday	4 Independence	" 16:	2	42	12	12	☽ stationary	44	37	7	23	11	26	
Friday	5 Lord Cobham	" 17: 1-14	3	19	24	24	☽ in Aphelion	44	37	7	23	12	21	
Saturday	6 John Huss	" 17: 15; 18: 11	D	rises	6	6.	♀ sets	44	38	7	22	1	6	

27] 4th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 minutes.

Sunday	7 Willibald	1 Thess. 1:	8	33	18	6	sets 9 18 e.	44	38	7	22	1	51
Monday	8 Kilian	" 2: 1-16	8	58	1	Orion rises 4 11 m.	54	39	7	21	2	34	
Tuesday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 2: 17; 3:	9	24	14	Dog Days Begin	54	39	7	21	3	18	
Wednesday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 4:	9	52	27	6 ⊗ ⊖ Arctur ₂ ^{sets} 2 m.	54	40	7	20	4	3	
Thursday	11 Placidus	" 5:	10	14	11	⊖ in apo. ♀ _{gr. Elong.} East. ⊕ in Ω	54	40	7	20	4	49	
Friday	12 Henry II.	2 Thess. 1; 2: 1-12	11	27	25	♀ stationary Spica ₇ ^{rises} 56 e.	54	41	7	19	5	42	
Saturday	13 Eugenius	" 2: 13; 3:	11	6	8	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	54	41	7	19	6	29	

28] 5th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Peter 3: 8-15.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 36 min.

Sunday	14 Bonaventura	Gal. 1: 1-10	11	40	23	14.	☽ sets 9 2 e.	54	42	7	18	7	17
Monday	15 Ansver	Acts 18: 12-19: 1-10	morn.	6	6	⊕	☽ sets 11 54 e.	64	43	7	17	8	9
Tuesday	16 Anna Askew	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	12	10	21	Rigel rises 3 53	64	44	7	16	8	55	
Wednesday	17 Speratus and 11 Co.	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	12	33	6	♀ in Ω. Regulus ₈ ⁵⁷ south	64	45	7	15	9	35	
Thursday	18 Arnulf	" 3: 15:	1	3	20	♀ sets 9 31 e.	64	46	7	14	10	15	
Friday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 4:	1	37	4	6 ⊗ D. Altair ₁₁ ⁴⁸ e.	64	46	7	14	10	55	
Saturday	20 John Marteilhe	" 5; 6:	1	57	18	6 ♀ D. Antares ₈ ²² sets	64	47	7	13	11	50	

29] 6th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 24 min.

Sunday	21 Eberhard	1 Cor. 1:	2	47	2	6	♀ ⊗ D. ⊖ sets 11 31 e.	64	48	7	12	12	34
Monday	22 Mary Magdalene	" 2:	D	sets	15	22.	⊖ _{en.} ters ♀. ♀ _{gr. Elong.} West.	64	49	7	11	1	18
Tuesday	23 Godfr. v Hamele	" 3: 4; 1-4	8	38	0	⊕ in per. □ ⊖ ⊖	[♀ rises 3 25 m.	64	50	7	10	1	58
Wednesday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 4: 5; 5: 1-8	9	8	12	♀ stationary.	Markab ₂ ⁵² south m.	64	51	7	9	2	35
Thursday	25 St. James the Elder	" 5: 9; 6:	9	38	24	6 ♀ D. ♀ ₉ ¹⁶ e.	⊕ in ♀	64	51	7	9	3	14
Friday	26 Christopher	" 7:	9	59	8	Formal South	2 35 m.	64	52	7	8	3	54
Saturday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 8; 9:	10	23	20	☽ sets 8 33 e.	64	53	7	7	4	36	

30] 7th Sunday after Trinity.

Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	28 John Seb. Bach.	1 Cor. 10: 11: 1	10	54	2	28.	6 ⊖ D. ⊖ sets 11 3 e.	64	53	7	7	5	23
Monday	29 Olaus	" 11: 2:	11	23	14	6 ⊗ D.	7* ₁₁ ³⁹ rises.	64	54	7	6	6	18
Tuesday	30 Jacob Wessele	" 12: 30	morn.	26	Algenib	3 35 m.	64	55	7	5	7	28	
Wednesday	31 John Cas. Schade	" 12: 31; 13:	12	24	8	♀ sets 8 59 e.	64	56	7	4	8	37	

Moon's Phases.

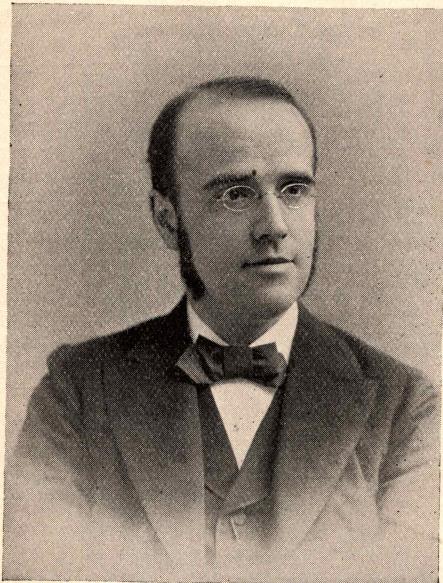
Full Moon, 6th, 6 o'clock, 28 minutes, evening.
Last Quarter, 14th, 10 " 31 " "
New Moon, 22d, 12 " 31 " morning.
First Quarter, 28th, 3 " 35 " afternoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, thunder showers; 5, 6, 7, clear and warm; 8, 9, fair; 10, cloudy; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, 22, warm; 23, 24, showers; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, 31, very warm.

(24). Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 10th, and cannot be seen.

JULY.



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REV. R. LEIGHTON GERHART,
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BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

THE Church has her Boards of Education, whose duty it is to receive funds and devote them toward aiding pious young men in their preparation for the Gospel Ministry.

Each of the Synods has its Board. That of the Eastern Synod is known as the Parent Board.

Funds are needed by all of them. Were large amounts at their command, the number of young men in our institutions, preparing for the ministry, would be much greater.

The attention of those who would thus further the cause of Christ, by giving of their means with which the Lord has prospered them, is called to this sacred cause, committed to the several Boards of Education. For the addresses of the several Treasurers, see—WHERE TO SEND CHURCH MONEY.

LESSON HELPS FOR OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

THE lesson helps are now published under the auspices of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod. The same lessons and comments are used all over the Church, east and west, north and south. There is a great improvement in them over those formerly published. They consequently are calculated to aid greatly teachers and scholars, in the study of their lessons. Teachers have the *Heidelberg Teacher* for their use. The large scholars have the *Scholars' Quarterly* and the *Advanced Lesson Papers*, whilst the infant scholars have the *Primary Lesson Paper* for their use. The comments upon the lessons are from the standpoint of the Church, and consequently the *Helps* containing them are the only proper ones for Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church to use. This should claim the attention of officers of the Sunday-schools of the Church. Reformed Schools should use nothing else.

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF THE PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. SI.	SUN RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA M. H. M.
Thursday	1 Maccabees	1 Cor. 14:	1 28	20	☽ in ♡. ☽ ☿.	☽	6 4 57 7 3 9 33	
Friday	2 Mar. Under Nero	" 15: 1-34	2 20	2	Wega South 9 43 e.	☽	6 4 58 7 2 10 20	
Saturday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 15: 35; 16:	3 21	14	☽ sets 8 16 e.	☽	6 4 59 7 1 11 6	

31] 8th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. 7: 15-21; Rom. 8: 12-17.

Day's Length, 14 hours, 0 minutes.

Sunday	4 Leonard Kiser	Acts 19: 11; 20:	4 27	29	☽ ☽ sets 10 36	6 5	0 7 0 11 52
Monday	5 Transfiguration	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	☽ rises	10	☽ 5. ☽ in Perihelion	6 5	1 6 59 12 45
Tuesday	6 Salzb'g Evang.	" 1: 23; 2:	7 56	24	☽ sets 8 43 e.	6 5	2 6 58 1 24
Wednesday	7 Nonna	" 3; 4: 1-16	8 16	7	● in apo. Sirius ^{rises} 4 ²⁵ m.	5 5	3 6 57 2 13
Thursday	8 Hormisdas	" 4: 7; 5: 10:	8 33	21	□ ☽ ○. Altair ^{south} 10 ³⁴ e ♡	5 5	4 6 56 3 3
Friday	9 Numidicus	" 5: 11; 6: 7: 1:	8 56	5	Markab south 1 48 m.	5 5	5 6 55 3 46
Saturday	10 Laurentius	" 7: 2:	9 16	19	☽ rises 3 14 m.	5 5	6 6 54 4 27

32] 9th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	2 Cor. 8:	9 39	3	☽ ☽ sets 7 57 e.	5 5	7 6 53 5 10
Monday	12 Ans. of Har'l'b'g	" 9:	10 7	18	Arctur sets 11 20 e.	5 5	8 6 52 5 56
Tuesday	13 C'nt of Zinzendorf	" 10:	10 46	2	☽ 13. ☽ sets 8 19 e.	5 5	9 6 51 6 47
Wednesday	14 James Guthrie	" 11:	11 32	16	☽ ☽ sets 9 18 e.	4 5	10 6 50 7 48
Thursday	15 Virgin Mary	" 12: 1-8	morn.	0	☽ ☽ Orion ^{rises} 1 42 m.	4 5	12 6 48 8 42
Friday	16 John of Saxony	" 12: 19; 13:	12 26	14	☽ gr. He. Lat. N.	☽	4 5 13 6 47 9 40
Saturday	17 John Gerhard	Acts 20: 1-13	1 34	28	☽ ☽ Superior	4 5	14 6 46 10 30

33] 10th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 19: 41-47; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	18 Hugo Grotius	Rom. 1: 1-13	2 54	11	☽ ☽ rises 2 50 m.	4 5	15 6 45 11 10
Monday	19 Sebaldus	" 1: 18-31	4 0	25	Polaris ^{south} 3 26 m.	3 5	17 6 43 12 4
Tuesday	20 Bernard of Clair	" 2:	☽ sets	8	☽ 20. ● in per. ☽ ☽	3 5	18 6 42 1 3
Wednesday	21 1st Mory. Miss.	" 3:	7 31	21	☽ ☽ ☽ sets 7 27 e. ● in ♈	3 5	19 6 41 1 48
Thursday	22 Symphorianus	" 4:	8 0	4	☽ ☽ ☽ sets 7 44 e.	3 5	20 6 40 2 20
Friday	23 Gasp. de Coligny	" 5: 1-11	8 24	16	☽ ☽ ☽ sets 8 48 m.	2 5	21 6 39 3 0
Saturday	24 Bartholomew	" 5: 12-21	8 51	28	☽ ☽ ☽ sets 9 19 e.	2 5	23 6 37 3 39

34] 11th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	25 Louis IX.	Rom. 6:	9 14	10	☽ ☽ Procyon ^{rises} 2 57	2 5	24 6 36 4 18
Monday	26 Ulfilas	" 7:	10 6	22	☽ ☽ stationary	2 5	25 6 35 4 55
Tuesday	27 Jovinian	" 8: 1-15	11 3	4	☽ 27. Dog Days End	1 5	26 6 34 5 34
Wednesday	28 Aug. of Hippo	" 8: 16-39	morn.	16	Algenib south 1 41 m.	1 5	27 6 33 6 18
Thursday	29 John Baptist B'd	" 9: 1-13	12 4	28	☽ ☽ sets 7 11 e.	0 5	28 6 32 7 20
Friday	30 Claude of Turin	" 9: 14-33	12 39	10	Spica sets 8 8	☽ sun	5 30 6 30 8 23
Saturday	31 Aidan	" 10:	1 26	22	☽ ☽ sets 2 13	fast 5	31 6 29 9 29

Moon's Phases.

Full Moon, 5th, 8 o'clock, 51 minutes, forenoon.
 Last Quarter, 13th, 12 " 18 " noon.
 New Moon, 20th, 7 " 55 " forenoon.
 First Quarter, 27th, 12 " 43 " morning.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, warm; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, 8, dry and warm;
 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, fair; 17, 18,
 19, cloudy; 20, 21, stormy and rain; 22, 23, 24, 25, clear
 and warm; 26, 27, showers; 28, 29, 30, 31, warm.

AUGUST.

Board of Home Missions of General Synod.

THIS Board has under its care all the English missions of the Church. It consists of the following members: Revs. J. A. Peters, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., J. H. Sechler, D. D., J. J. Leberman, D. D., S. B. Yockey, D. D., J. Bachman, D. D., T. J. Barkley, D. D., and C. F. Kriete, and Elders C. M. Boush, H. C. Hoover, J. T. Reber and Horace Ankeny.

The Executive Committee is as follows: Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., *Pres't*, Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., *Sec'y*, Revs. S. B. Yockey, D. D., J. J. Leberman, D. D., and Elder C. M. Boush. Elder Boush is also the Treasurer of the Church Extension Department. Jas. T. Reber is *Treasurer*.

The Board had on its roll during the year ninety-eight missions. Of these eleven were unrolled during the year and seven became self-supporting. There are now ninety-one on the roll, four more than last year.

The Hungarian work has greatly prospered. Three missionaries are now at work, namely: Rev. Jurany, at Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Farenczi, at Pittsburgh, and Rev. Kovacs, at Yorkton, Canada. There is great need that two additional missionaries be stationed in the eastern portions of the Church, to gather up the scattered Hungarian brethren in East Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. These will have to be procured in the near future.

Rev. Paul Sommerlotte is at the head of the Harbor mission at the port of New York. He is doing a good work among the immigrants.

During the last year the Board expended \$36,000 for missions in the English Synods. It asks for the coming year \$1,000 for Harbor Mission,



THE LATE REV. JOHN C. HENSELL, OF
MT. CRAWFORD, VA.
Died March 29th, 1894.

\$3,000 for Hungarian missions, and \$40,000 for the regular work, making \$44,000 in all. The needs of the work demand this sum.

The Church Extension Work is as important as ever. The Board used over \$13,000 during the past year for this object. As the Church is entering the large cities there is great need that this fund be greatly increased. No better investment can be made by persons of wealth than to give a portion to this good cause.

The outlook for the future of our mission work is very hopeful indeed. A great many towns and cities are now asking that missions be established within their borders. Fifty additional missions could be established at once in the large centers of population had we the men and the means. It does seem

that the Master is opening up the field before us in order that we may go in and possess the land.

Another matter that should be a cause of encouragement to the Church is the greatly increased sum now used for the upbuilding of the Church. Including the expenditures of all parts of the Church for home and foreign work, the sum is little below \$110,000, an average of about fifty cents per member. Not a very large average, yet it is much more than the Church did a few years ago. As a Church we have great reason for thankfulness for the marked progress we have made.

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A thousand miles of mighty wood,
Where thunder-storms stride fire-shod ;
A thousand plants at every rod,
A stately tree at every rood :
Ten thousand leaves to every tree,
And each a miracle to me,—
Yet there be men who doubt of God !

—Joaquin Miller.

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S.	MOON'S PLACE. A.	ASPECTS OF THE PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs.	SUN RISES SETS M. H. M. H. M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA M. H. M.
35] 12th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	1 Anna	Rom. 11:	2 20	5	6 ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 6 55 e. ☐	0 5	32 6 28	10 30
Monday	2 Mamas	" 12:	3 18	19	Sirius rises 2 52 m.	1 5	33 6 27	11 34
Tuesday	3 Hildegarde	" 13:	4 12	2	● in apo. Rigel rises 11 50 e.	1 5	35 6 25	12 46
Wednesday	4 Ida v. Herzfeld	" 14:	5 16	4.	Altair south 8 49 e. ● in ♀	1 5	36 6 24	1 18
Thursday	5 John Mollio	" 15: 1-13	7 5	0	Wega south 7 32 e.	1 5	37 6 23	1 58
Friday	6 Martin Weibel	" 15: 4:	7 23	15	½ sets 8 32 e.	2 5	38 6 22	2 40
Saturday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 16: 33:	7 46	0	♀ rises 1 57 m.	2 5	39 6 21	3 16
36] 13th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	8 Corbinian	Acts 20:	8 10	14	♀ in ♀. ♀ sets 6 19 e.	2 5	40 6 20	3 56
Monday	9 Luigi Resquali	" 21:	8 40	28	♂ ♀ ♀. Antares sets 9 32 e.	3 5	41 6 19	4 38
Tuesday	10 Paul Seperatus	" 22; 23:	9 19	12	□ ♀ ○. Algenit south 12 51 m.	3 5	43 6 17	5 25
Wednesday	11 John Brenz	" 24; 25:	10 14	26	11. ♀ ♀. Rigel rises 12 19	3 5	44 6 16	6 20
Thursday	12 Dionys's Pel'ooq'n	" 26:	11 14	10	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☐	4 5	45 6 15	7 39
Friday	13 Wm. Farel	" 27:	morn.	24	½ sets 8 15 e.	4 5	47 6 13	8 26
Saturday	14 Cyprian	" 28:	12 26	7	♀ rises 1 32 m.	4 5	48 6 12	9 24
37] 14th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	15 A. v. Grumbach	Eph. 1: 1-14	1 42	20	6 ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 5 42 e.	5 5	49 6 11	10 23
Monday	16 Euphemia	" 1; 15; 2: 1-10	2 59	3	Formal south 11 12 e.	5 5	50 6 10	11 24
Tuesday	17 Lambert	" 2: 11; 3:	4 0	16	7* rises 8 39 e.	6 5	52 6 8	12 22
Wednesday	18 Ember Day	" 4: 1-17	5 sets	29	18 ☐ per. ♀ ♀. ♀ in ☐	6 5	53 6 7	1 23
Thursday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 4: 18:	6 21	12	6 ♀ ○. 6 ♀ ○. Inferior	6 5	54 6 6	2 3
Friday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 5: 6; 1-9	6 52	24	6 ♀ ♀. Pollux rises 12 2 m.	7 5	55 6 5	2 47
Saturday	21 Matthew	" 6: 10:	7 21	5	ψ stationary. 6 ♀ ♀. ½ sets 7 32 e.	7 5	57 6 3	3 40
38] 15th Sunday after Trinity.								
Sunday	22 Mauritius	Col. 1:	7 59	17	6 ♀ ♀. Aldebaran rises 9 31 e.	7 5	58 6 2	4 20
Monday	23 Mart. of Geneva	" 2: 3: 1-4	8 53	29	○ en- ters ☐ Autumn Day and Night Begins Equal.	8 6	0 6 0	5 18
Tuesday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 3: 5; 4:	9 48	11	25. Markab south 10 39 e.	8 6	2 5 58	6 10
Wednesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	Philemon	10 42	23	Antares sets 8 32 e. ☐	9 6	3 5 57	7 4
Thursday	26 Lioba	Philip. 1: 1-26	11 38	5	♀ rises 5 0 m.	9 6	4 5 56	7 54
Friday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 1: 27; 2:	morn.	17	½ sets 7 1 e.	9 6	6 5 54	8 49
Saturday	28 A. Carenbach	" 3: 4:	12 42	0		9 6	7 5 53	9 39
39] 16th Sunday after Trinity.								
Monday	29 St. Michael	1 Tim. 1:	1 48	13	Andromeda south 11 41 e. 10 6 8 5 52 10 27			
Sunday	30 Jerome	" 2:	2 30	26	● in apo. Sirius rises 1 12 m. ● in ♀ 10 6 10 5 50 11 5			

Moon's Phases.

Full Moon, 4th, 12 o'clock, 55 minutes, morning.

Last Quarter, 11th, 11 " 50 " evening.

New Moon, 18th, 3 " 55 " "

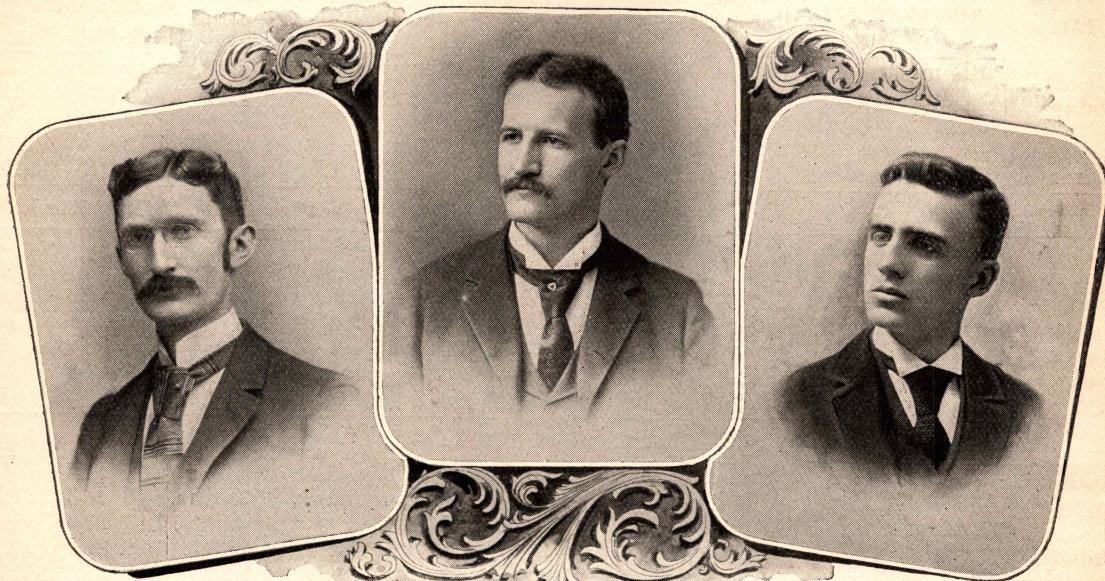
First Quarter, 25th, 1 " 22 " afternoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, variable; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, misty; 11, 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, cool; 16, 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, 21, stormy; 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, 30, rain.

(♀.) Venus is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 19th, and passes from evening to morning star.

SEPTEMBER.



REV. J. H. APPLE, A. M.

President of the Woman's College,
Frederick, Md.

REV. W. MANN IRVINE, PH. D.

President of Mercersburg College,
Mercersburg, Pa.

S. W. KERR, A. B.

President of Clarion Collegiate Institute,
Rimersburg, Pa.

The Christian Endeavor Movement in Our Church.

OUR Church was one of the first to follow Rev. F. E. Clarke in the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society. Two years after the organization of the first society in the Congregational Church of Portland, Me., the first Reformed society was launched at Columbiana, O., November 14th, 1882. In 1889, another was organized in Reading, Pa. The movement did not take a very firm hold upon the Church until 1892. At the end of this year there were 104 societies, with 3,000 members. Ninety-three were added during the next year, and the membership was increased to 7,091. Since that time there has been a steady growth. On September 1st, 1894, there were 315 societies, with 12,250 members. Indications point to a rapid increase during the next year. Fifty of these societies are in our German-speaking congregations, Cleveland alone having five German socie-

ties. The Reformed C. E. rally, held in Cleveland, O., during the International Convention in July, 1894, at which 1,000 Reformed people were in attendance, gave a marked impulse to our C. E. work.

An Executive Committee was appointed at the Rally to give definite direction to the development of our C. E. interests. A committee was appointed at the last General Synod to report at the next meeting of synod on this movement.

The societies have raised nearly \$1,500 during the past year, for the purpose of supporting a missionary, designated the "C. E. Missionary," in Japan. Rev. S. S. Snyder, of Columbiana, O., was chosen.

The underlying principle of the Society is *loyalty to the local congregation*. A booklet giving a complete and yet concise description of the principles and methods of Christian Endeavor, can be secured from the author, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, O., by sending 15 cents.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H.	MOON'S PLACE M. S.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. Fs. M. H.	SUN RISES M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M.
Tuesday	1 Remigius	1 Tim. 3:	3 58	10 ☐ gr. Elong. E. ☐ sets 6 32e. ☐	10 6 11 5 49 11 45			
Wednesday	2 Chr. Schmidt	" 3: 4; 4-10	4 5 ^x	24 ☐ sets 6 56 e.	11 6 12 5 48 12 07			
Thursday	3 The two Ewalds	" 4; 11; 5: 16	D rises	9 ☐ 3. Orion rises 10 31 e.	11 6 13 5 47 1 23			
Friday	4 Franciscus	" 5: 17:	6 15	24 Rigel rises 9 59 e.	11 6 15 5 45 2 3			
Saturday	5 Petro Carnesec	" 6:	6 45	9 ☐ rises 12 25 m.	12 6 16 5 44 2 45			

407 17th Sunday after Trinity.

Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-6.

Day's Length, 11 hours, 26 minutes.

Sunday	6 Henry Albert	Titus 1:	7 31	24	♀ rises 4 5 m.	126	175	43	3 22
Monday	7 Theodore Benza	" 2:	8 14	9	Markab south 9 52 e.	126	195	41	4 12
Tuesday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 3:	9 9	23	♀ stationary Antares sets 748 e.	126	205	40	5 4
Wednesday	9 Dionysius Areo	2 Tim. 1:	10 15	7	♂ ♫ ☽. ♀ gr. Lat. S. Δ	136	215	39	6 0
Thursday	10 Justus Jonas	" 2:	11 9	21	☽ b sets 6 25 e.	136	235	37	6 45
Friday	11 U. Zwingli died	" 3:	morn.	4	☽ 11. ♂ ☽ ☽	136	245	36	7 51
Saturday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 4:	12 16	18	♂ ♫ ☽. ♀ rises 12 1 m.	136	255	35	8 51

41] 18th Sunday after Trinity.

Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Co. 1: 4-9.

Day's Length, 11 hours, 6 min.

Sunday	13 Elizabeth Frey	Heb. 1:	1 30	♂	1	7* rises 6 58 e.	146	275	33	9 48
Monday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 2:	2 40	♂	14	♀ stationary. Vega sets 1 47 m.	146	285	32	10 48
Tuesday	15 Aurelia	" 3; 4:	3 50	♂	26	♂ ♀ ☽. ♀ rises 3 34 m. ☽ in ☽	146	295	31	11 39
Wednesday	16 Gallus	" 5:	4 59	♂	8	☽ in per. Altair south 6 20 e.	146	315	29	12 14
Thursday	17 Rev. Edict of Nantes	" 6:	5 34	♂	20	☽ ☽ ☽ Formal south 9 22 e.	156	325	28	12 56
Friday	18 St. Luke Evang.	" 7:	☽ sets	2	18.	☽ rises 5 59 e.	156	335	27	1 40
Saturday	19 Bruno	" 8:	5 51	♂	14	♂ ♀ ☽. ♂ ☽. ♂ ☽	156	345	26	2 22

421 19th Sunday after Trinity

Matt. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 48 min.

Sunday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi	Heb. 9: 1-14	6 35	26	♀ rie s 11 34 e.	156	365	24	3	1
Monday	21 Hilarion	" 9: 1-5	7 33	8	Aldebaran south 2 31 m.	156	375	23	3	49
Tuesday	22 Hedwig	" 10: 1-18	8 30	20	Sirius rises 11 46 e.	156	385	22	4	20
Wednesday	23 Henry Martin	" 10; 19:	9 32	2	○enters ♀. <small>Alcor</small> south 11 54 m	166	395	21	5	19
Thursday	24 Arethas	" 11:	10 29	14	☽ Hamel <small>11.51</small> e. ☿	166	415	19	5	56
Friday	25 John Herz	" 12:	11 28	28	☽ 25. 6 ♀ ○ Inferior	166	425	18	6	21
Saturday	26 Frederick III.	" 13:	morn.	8	Capella south 2 50 m.	166	435	17	7	10

43] 20th Sunday after Trinity

Matt. 8: 13-14; Rom. 15: 1-7.

Day's Length, 10 hours, 32 min.

Sunday	27 Frumentius	Matt. 3:	12 31	21	♀ rises 3 40 m.	16 6	44 5	16	8	8
Monday	28 Simeon and Jude	" 4: 1-22	1 33	3	4 ☽ in apo. ♂ ♀. ♀ in ♀. ☽ in ♀	16 6	45 5	15	8	52
Tuesday	29 Alfred the Great	" 4: 23; 5: 1-12	2 36	18	♀ rises 11 13 e.	16 6	47 5	13	9	59
Wednesday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 5: 13-32	4 42	2	♂ rises 5 57 m.	16 6	48 5	12 10	49	
Thursday	31 Reformation Fes.	" 5: 33-48	5 46	18	□ ♀ ☽ Orion rises 8 55 e.	16 6	49 5	11 11	45	

Moon's Phases.

Full Moon,	3d	5 o'clock	47 minutes	evening.
Last Quarter,	11th,	9	34	" forenoon
New Moon,	18th,	1	9	" morning.
First Quarter,	25th,	6	4	" "

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, clear ; 4, 5, cool ; 6, 7, misty ; 8, 9, 10, 11, rain ; 12, 13, clear and cool ; 14, 15, 16, cool and cloudy ; 17, 18, 19, fair ; 20, 21, cold ; 22, 23, variable ; 24, 25, 26, rain ; 27, 28, cloudy ; 29, 30, clear.

(§). Mars is in conjunction with the Sun on the 11th, and cannot be seen.

OCTOBER.

WORSHIP OF GOD.

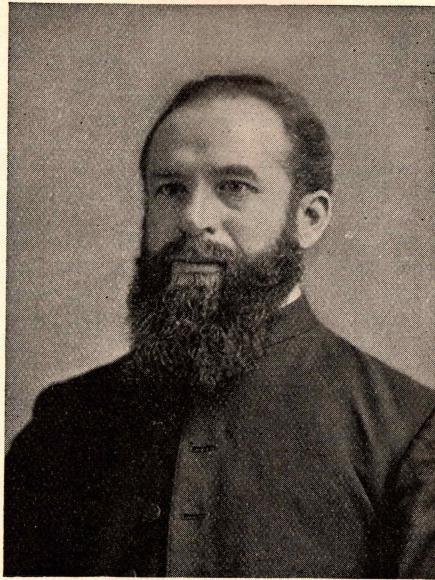
THE prime object of the assembly of the Christian congregation is *to worship God*. That this prime object may be accomplished, other things are necessary, helpful, desirable; but they are adjuncts, and not the main thing. Prayer, song, reading, of the Scriptures, preaching, almsgiving, are indispensable means in the public service of a well-constituted Christian congregation; the worship of Almighty God is the supreme act accomplished by the sincere use of these means; and this worship is to be *by* the individual and by the collective assembly. Going to church, then, should signify going to worship. Whoever believes in God, and cares to worship him publicly and statedly should go to church.

PERFECT LOVE.

PERFECT love is love learning, love adoring, love trusting, love praying, love bearing, love working, and love trying to do each of these things better and better. This love casts out fear, because it is doing its best. No father can ask more in a child, and such a child has the perfect love of his father.

MOVE UP!

THAT is what every person entering a church service ought to do. That is where you can hear best and see least, that is of those behind you. You will thus leave the rear seats for those who come later. Remember when about to sit down in the pew that it is well to move up towards the inner end. Do not sit down in the end of the pew next to the aisle. You may keep friends and strangers from entering.



THE LATE REV. JULIUS LANGE, OF
STAFFORD, OREGON.

Died in Germany, January 11th, 1894.

OUR ORPHANS' HOMES.

Bethany, Womelsdorf, Pa.—Rev. T. M. Yundt, Superintendent. Number of children, 105.

St. Paul's, Butler, Pa.—Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent. Number of children, 85.

Reformed, Fort Wayne, Ind.—Rev. J. Rettig, Superintendent. Number of children, 58.

Zoar, Detroit, Mich.—Rev. Wm. Hansen, Superintendent. Number of children, 46.

Remember these at Christmas time.

SOME people say that they are building a temple to God, but they live in the basement story of it.

WHEN business is active, and investments profitable, some people object to giving for the support of the Church upon the score that they cannot afford to part with that which is bringing them such a large percentage; and when business is dull and investments are not profitable, they object to giving because they say they cannot afford it.

In all you do yourself prove true
To that which you profess;
In all you say the sequel weigh,
That you may others bless.

You cannot be a good leader until you have first been a good follower.

THERE are people who would do wonderful things for the Lord if they could only do them without costing much.

NOVEMBER.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

This Society was organized in Akron, O., June, 1887. Its object is to aid in the advancement of the work of Christian missions in home and foreign lands with a view especially to the enlightenment and elevation of woman. It is actively engaged in planning new work, organizing congregational and classical societies, and raising money for home and foreign work.

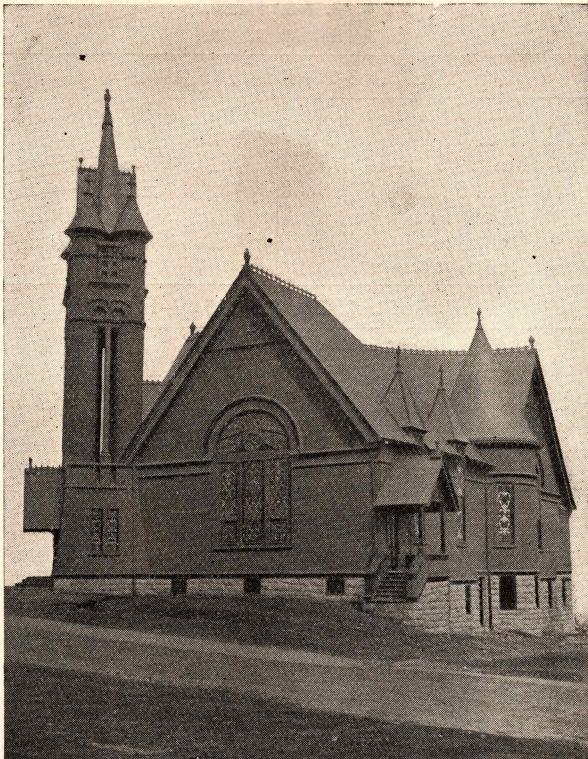
It supports, through the Board of Foreign Missions, Miss Mary C. Hollowell, in Japan.

Officers and Committees.

President, Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, Frederick, Md. *Vice-Pres.*, the Presidents of the different Synodical Societies. *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. S. J. Houtz, Or- angeville, Pa. *Rec. Sec.*, Miss Rebecca H. Schively, Chambersburg, Pa. *Treas.*, Mrs. Nettie Anthony, Meyersdale, Pa. *Executive Committee*, The officers, with Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser, Reading, Pa.; Miss Kate Giller, Butler, Pa.; Mrs. E. S. Yockey, Xenia, O.; Miss Jennie C. Clever, Cleversburg, Pa.; Mrs. W. A. Kifer, Sioux City, Iowa.

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MAKE life a ministry of love, and it will always be worth living.—*Browning*.

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1895.

WEEKS AND DAYS.	REMARKABLE DAYS.	DAILY BIBLE LESSONS.	MOON R. & S. H. M. S. A.	MOON'S PLACE.	ASPECTS OF PLANETS, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	S. RISES Fs. M. H.	SUN SETS Rises M. H.	HIGH WATER PHILA. M. H. M. H. M.
48] 1st Sunday in Advent.								
		Matt. 21: 8-11; Rom. 13: 11-14.			Regulus rises 10 44 e. 11 7 19 4 41	1 18		
Sunday	1 Eligius	John 1: 1-14	6 10 ☽ 10	☽ 2. ♀ ☽	Markab sets 11 m. 10 7 19 4 41	1 57		
Monday	2 John Ruysbrock	Gen. 2: 4-25	☽ rises 26	☽ 2. ♀ ☽				
Tuesday	3 Gerhard Groot	Matt. 19: 1-12	5 54 ☽ 11	☽ rises 4 45 m. ☽	16 7 20 4 40	2 38		
Wednesday	4 Gerh. v. Zutphen	Eph. 5: 22-33	6 58 ☽ 26	♀ rises 3 8 m.	10 7 20 4 40	3 3		
Thursday	5 Crispin	1 Cor. 7:	8 7 ☽ 10	7* south 10 52 e.	9 7 21 4 39	3 51		
Friday	6 Nicholas	Gen. 3:	9 19 ☽ 24	♀ in ☽. ♀ rises 8 39 e.	9 7 21 4 39	4 33		
Saturday	7 Paulus Odontius	Gen. 8: 15 to 19: 17:	10 29 ☽ 7	♂ ♀ ☽. ♂ rises 3 37 m.	8 7 22 4 38	5 17		
49] 2d Sunday in Advent.								
		Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 min.			
Sunday	8 Martin Rinkard	Acts 17: 15:	11 39 ☽ 20	♂ ☽ ☽ Formal sets 9 57	● in ☽	8 7 22 4 38	6 9	
Monday	9 Benj. Schmolck	Gen. 15:	morn. ☽ 2	● 9. in per. Arietis south 8 52 e.	7 7 23 4 37	6 50		
Tuesday	10 Paul Eber	Deut. 3:	12 46 ☽ 14	● ☽ Sirius rises 8 26	7 7 23 4 37	7 38		
Wednesday	11 Henry v. Zütphen	Exodus 12:	1 52 ☽ 26	♀ in Perihelion	6 7 23 4 37	8 22		
Thursday	12 Spiridion	Deut. 27:	2 59 ☽ 8	♂ ♀ ☽. ♀ rises 3 20 m.	6 7 24 4 36	9 11		
Friday	13 Adilia	Rom. 7:	4 5 ☽ 20	♂ ☽ ☽. ♂ ☽. ♂ rises 4 11 m.	6 7 24 4 36	10 8		
Saturday	14 Dioscorus	Leviticus 16:	5 12 ☽ 2	♂ ☽ ☽. ♂ in ☽. ♂ rises 5 34 m.	5 7 24 4 36	11 3		
50] 3d Sunday in Advent.								
		Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.			
Sunday	15 Christiana	Isa. 40; John 5:	6 10 ☽ 14	♂ ☽ ☽ in Aphelion	5 7 25 4 35	12 0		
Monday	16 Adelheid	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	☽ sets ☽ 26	● 16. ♀ rises 7 56 e.	4 7 25 4 35	12 48		
Tuesday	17 Sturm	2 Samuel 7:	5 55 ☽ 8	Rigel south 11 25 e. ☽	4 7 25 4 35	1 40		
Wednesday	18 Ember Day	Joel 3:	6 56 ☽ 20	Spica rises 2 29 m.	3 7 25 4 35	2 30		
Thursday	19 Cl. Alexandrinus	Jer. 23:	8 2 ☽ 2	☽ rises 3 50 m.	3 7 25 4 35	3 34		
Friday	20 Abraham	" 31:	9 5 ☽ 14	♂ ☽ ☽ Superior	2 7 25 4 35	4 8		
Saturday	21 Thomas	Isa. 52: 13; 53: 10	5 5 ☽ 27	○ en. ☽. Winter Commences. ☽	2 7 26 4 34	4 52		
51] 4th Sunday in Advent.								
		John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.			
Sunday	22 Hugh McKail	Isa. 42:	11 5 ☽ 10	♂ ♀ ☽ Algol south 8 54 e.	1 7 25 4 35	5 36		
Monday	23 Anna dū Bourg	" 11: 1-10	morn. ☽ 23	● in apo. ♀ rises 7 25 e.	1 7 25 4 35	6 22		
Tuesday	24 Adam and Eve	" 9: 4-7	12 7 ☽ 6	● 24. ♀ rises 3 37 m. sun	7 25 4 35	7 20		
Wednesday	25 Christmas	Titus 3: 4-7	1 10 ☽ 20	● Altair sets 7 51 e. slo'	7 25 4 35	8 8		
Thursday	26 Stephen	1 John 1: 1-10	2 17 ☽ 4	♂ rises 5 30 m.	0 7 25 4 35	8 54		
Friday	27 St. John Evang.	Rev. 14: 1-5	3 29 ☽ 19	Orion south 11 22	1 7 25 4 35	9 44		
Saturday	28 Innocents	Rom. 8:	4 22 ☽ 4	♂ ☽ ☽. ☽ rises 3 20	2 7 25 4 35	10 35		
52] Sunday after Christmas.								
		Luke 2: 33-40; Gal. 4: 1-7.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.			
Sunday	29 David	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	5 20 ☽ 19	♀ rises 6 59 e.	2 7 24 4 36	11 28		
Monday	30 Christian of Wurtemburg	Psalm 90	6 13 ☽ 4	Sirius rises 7 1 e.	3 7 24 4 36	12 26		
Tuesday	31 John Wycliff	.	☽ rises 19 ☽ 31	● 31. ♀ rises 3 51 ☽	3 7 24 4 36	1 18		

Moon's Phases.

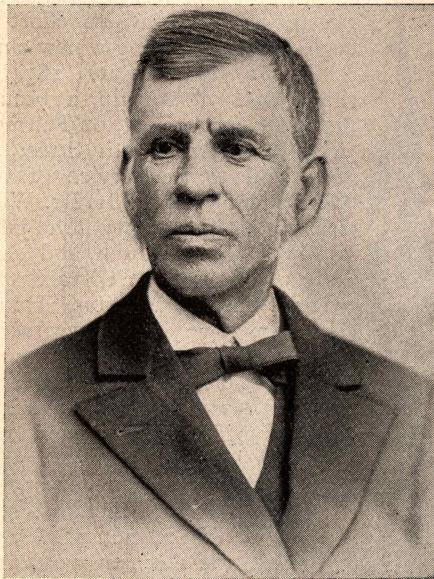
Full Moon, 2d, 1 o'clock, 38 minutes, morning.
 Last Quarter, 9th, 2 " 9 " "
 New Moon, 16th, 1 " 29 " "
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 Full Moon, 31st, 3 " 30 " evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

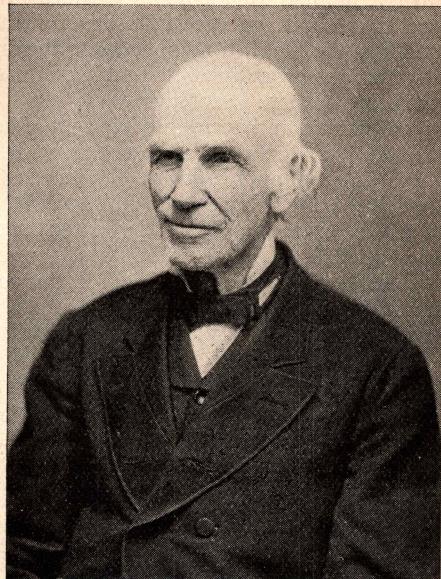
1, 2, 3, clear and frosty; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, windy;
 8, 9, 10, snow or rain; 11, 12, 13, clear and cold;
 14, 15, 16, frosty; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, rain; 21,
 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, frosty; 26, 27, 28, 29, snow; 30,
 31, clear.

DECEMBER.

TWO OF OUR AGED RETIRED MINISTERS.



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REV. A. B. SHENKLE, MILLERSVILLE, PA.

The General Sunday-school Work.

THE general interests of the Suuday-schools of the Church are committed to the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod. This Board has entered vigorously upon the work. Last year Rev. Rufus W. Miller entered upon the work as the Sunday-school Secretary of the Church, the first incumbent of the office.

As fruits of the work, and as evidencing the hearty support of the schools of the church, nearly all the schools of the church united in the observance of Children's Day, the second Sunday in June, using the service, "Gather Them In," prepared by the Secretary, and making an offering to the General Sunday-school work. Nearly 80,000 copies of the service were used, and the offerings amounted to the generous sum of \$3,500.

It has already organized four mission schools, and aided by grants of literature, etc., seven others. A movement has been inaugurated for the increase

of the Sunday-school membership. There has been a marked increase of Sunday-school scholars.

The work of the Board is divided into four departments: Statistics, Missionary and Sunday-school Work, Instruction, and Publication. Efforts have been put forth in each of these, and the outlook is bright. The entire church should unite in this most important and most fruitful work.

All inquiries in reference to Sunday-school work, lesson helps, home department, supplies, literature, etc., will be cheerfully answered by addressing the Sunday-school Secretary, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, or Dayton, O.

The Sunday-school Board of the General Synod: Rev. C. Clever, D. D., *Pres't*, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. C. F. Kriete, *Vice-Pres't*, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., *Rec. Sec'y*, Greenville, Pa.; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, *Treasurer*, Columbiiana, O.; Rev. Rufus W. Miller, *S. S. Secretary*. Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., F. Strassner, C. U. Heilman, A. E. Dahlman, A. E. Baichly.

GERMAN REFORMED SALEM CHURCH.

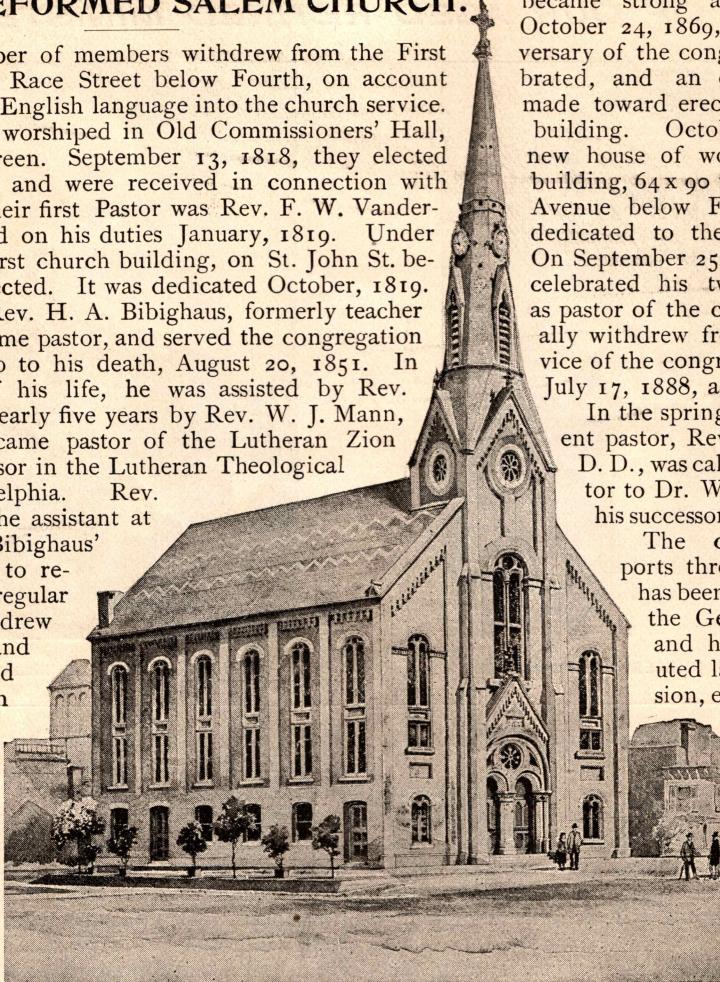
IN 1817 a number of members withdrew from the First Reformed Church, Race Street below Fourth, on account of introducing the English language into the church service. They first met and worshiped in Old Commissioners' Hall, Third St. below Green. September 13, 1818, they elected the first consistory and were received in connection with U. S. Synod. Their first Pastor was Rev. F. W. Vanderstoot. He entered on his duties January, 1819. Under his pastorate the first church building, on St. John St. below Green, was erected. It was dedicated October, 1819. In January 1824, Rev. H. A. Bibighaus, formerly teacher and chorister, became pastor, and served the congregation very acceptably up to his death, August 20, 1851. In the latter part of his life, he was assisted by Rev. Kessler, and for nearly five years by Rev. W. J. Mann, who afterward became pastor of the Lutheran Zion Church and Professor in the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Rev. Bonekemper was the assistant at the time of Rev. Bibighaus' death, and failing to receive a call to the regular pastorate, he withdrew with his friends and organized Reformed Zion Church, Sixth Street above Girard Avenue. After this the Rev. J. Gantenbein preached for a short time. It was then Revs. Friedeland Rahn became candidates. Rev. Rahn was elected, and Rev. Friedel withdrew with his adherents and organized the Reformed Bethlehem congregation. In 1855 Rev. Rahn resigned and the Rev. Dr. Spiedel supplied the pulpit until September 21, 1856, when the Rev. J. G. Wiehle became pastor. Under his influence the congregation, weakened by disruption and separation,

became strong and united again. October 24, 1869, the fiftieth anniversary of the congregation was celebrated, and an earnest effort was made toward erecting a new church building. October 11, 1874, the new house of worship, a beautiful building, 64 x 90 feet, on Fairmount Avenue below Fourth Street, was dedicated to the service of God. On September 25, 1881, Dr. Wiehle celebrated his twenty-fifth jubilee as pastor of the church, and gradually withdrew from the active service of the congregation. He died July 17, 1888, aged 72 years.

In the spring of 1880, the present pastor, Rev. F. W. Berleman, D. D., was called as assistant pastor to Dr. Wiehle and became his successor, September, 1880.

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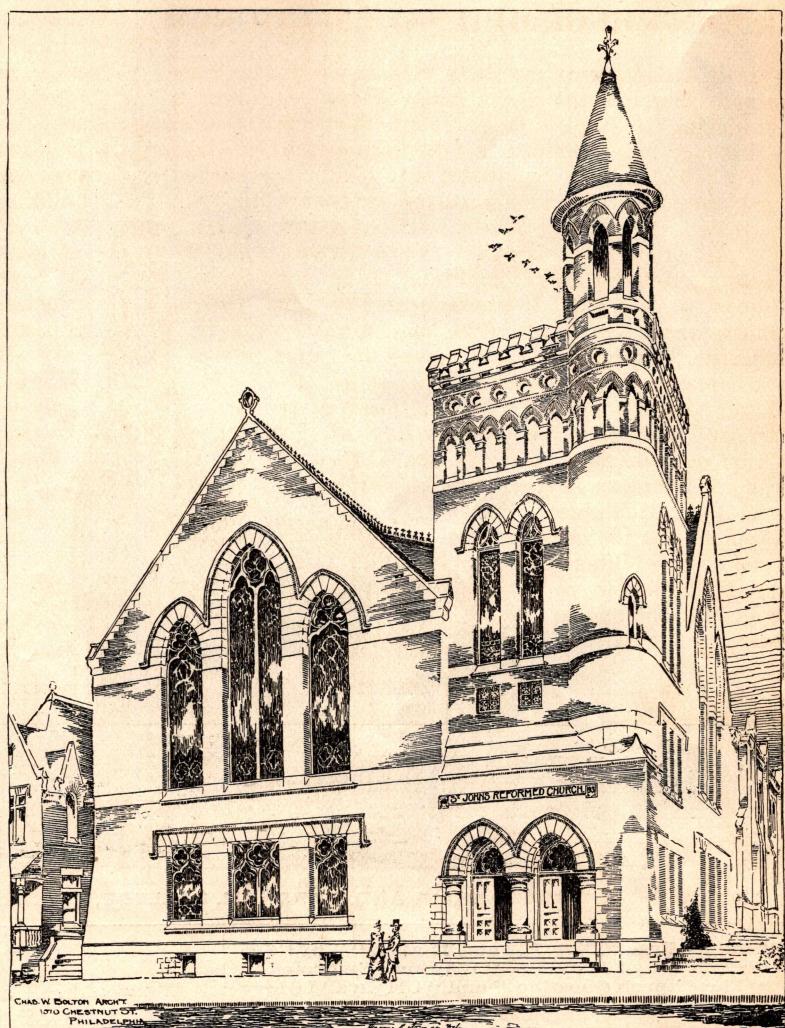
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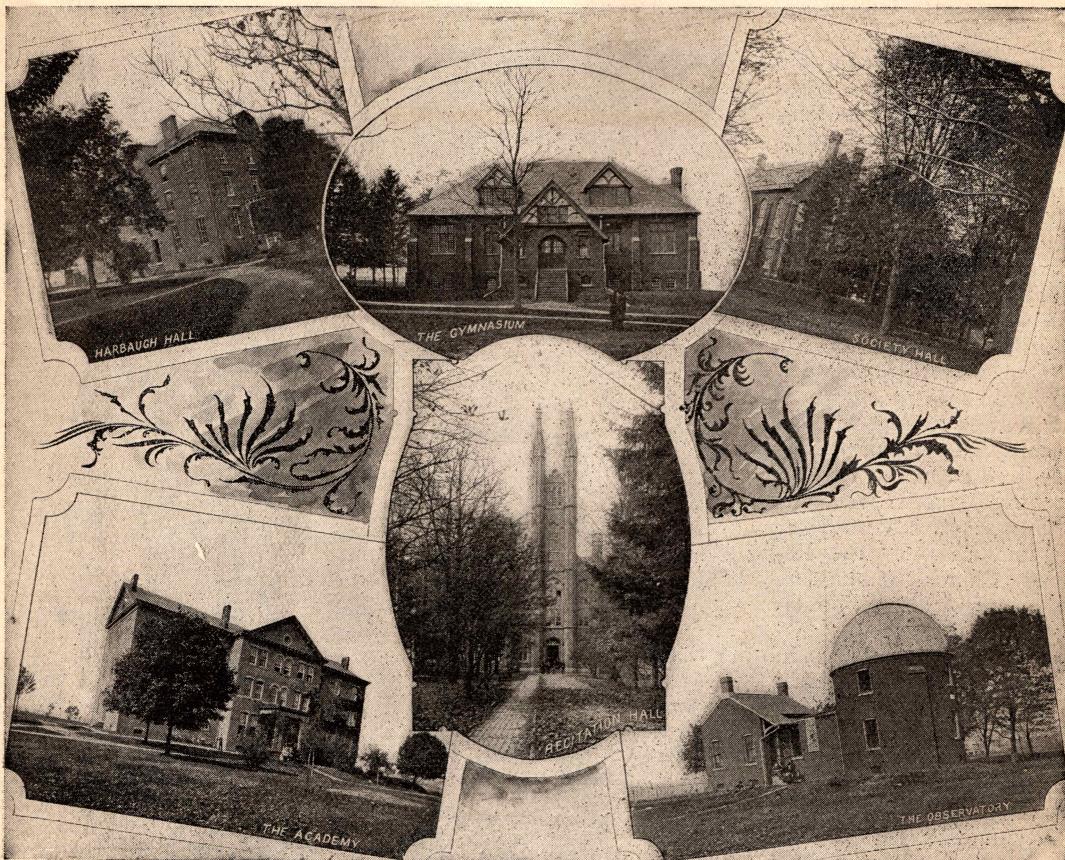
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NECROLOGY.

FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1893, TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1894.

ACCOLA, REV. OSWALD E.—Son of Rev. Dr. O. J. and Joanna, nee Schenerman, Accola. Born January 29th, 1865, Ashford, Wis. Prepared for ministry, Calvin College, Cleveland, O.; Mission House, Wis.; Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. Licensed and ordained 1885. First charge, Denver, Col., nine months; (2) Humboldt, Neb., two years, which he was compelled to resign on account of impaired health. Removed to New Philadelphia, O. Married Matilda Senhauser, who survives him. Died May 13th, 1894, aged 29 years, 3 months and 14 days.

BECKER, CHARLES.—Son of Rev. Jacob C. Becker, D. D. Born at Kreidersville, Northampton Co., Pa., June 2d, 1817. Graduated from Marshall College, 1843. Studied theology under his father. Licensed and ordained 1846. Was assistant to his father, Stone Church, Pa. Upon resignation of former, became his successor. In 1855 became pastor of Chestnut Hill Charge, Monroe Co., Pa., which he served twenty years. Retired from ministry. Married Miss Caroline Yeager, April 24th, 1855, who, with five children, survives him. Died in Philadelphia, July 15th, 1894, aged 77 years. Buried at Northwood Cemetery, Oak Lane, Pa.

BUSER, REV. J. H.—Born December 6th, 1826, in Frederick Co., Md. Ordinary education. Licensed 1850. Ordained 1852. First charge in Shelby Co., O. Labored in other charges in Ohio until he removed to Iowa. Engaged there in mission work. Served missions in Oskaloosa, Leighton, Clifton, Lone Tree and Coneville. In 1886 was pastor near Tiffin, O. In 1888 he became pastor of Leighton, where he labored until spring of 1893. Resigned on account of ill-health. Married Margaret D. Lennox, who preceded him to the heavenly world. Seven children survive him. Died December 18th, 1893, aged 67 years, 13 days. Buried at Coneville, Ia.

HELFRICH, REV. WILLIAM A.—Son of Rev. John and Sabine (Schantz) Helfrich. Born August 27th, 1827, in Weisenburg, Lehigh Co., Pa. Prepared by private tutors. Licensed 1845, and ordained assistant to his father. In the fall of that year removed to Reading, Pa., and, for two years served several congregations around that city. Next, was assistant to his father from 1848 to 1852. At the death of his father he became his successor; labored faithfully until 1884, when he retired. Married August 1st, 1852, Amanda H. Fogel, who, with four sons, survives him. Died at Fogelsville, Pa., March 17th, 1894, aged 66 years, 6 months and 20 days.

HENSELL, REV. JOHN C.—Born March 29th, 1809, in Shepherdstown, W. Va. Prepared for the ministry at High School, and Theological Seminary at York, Pa. Licensed 1835. Ordained 1836. First charge, St. John's and St. Peter's congregations, Augusta Co., Va., twenty-two and a half years; (2) and last, Rockingham, Va., twenty-and-a-half years. Lived fourteen years in retirement on account of infirmities of age. Married in 1831 Annie Powell. One daughter was born to them; both mother and daughter preceded him to the heavenly home. Died at Mt. Crawford, Va., March 9th, 1894, aged eighty-four years. Buried at Mt. Crawford, Va.

HUECKER, REV. B. R.—Born February 24th, 1843, in Rosenthal, Hesse. Prepared for mission work in the Banner Mission House. Came to this country as a missionary 1867. Completed his studies in Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis. Licensed and ordained 1869. First charge, Norwood, Minn., two years; (2) Alma, Wis., three years; (3) La Cross, Wis., three years; (4) Covington, Ky., six years; (5) Manitowoc, Wis., three and a half years; (6) Denver, Col., — years; (7) and last, Lennox, S. Dak. Retired on account of ill-health. A wife and three children survive him. Died at Lennox, S. Dak., March 31st, 1894, aged 51 years and 7 days. Buried at Lennox, S. Dak.

KREMER, D. D., REV. AMOS H.—Son of Frederick William and Margaret Kremer. Born November, 1814, at Washingtonville, Lancaster Co., Pa. Graduate of Marshall College and Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Licensed and ordained 1869. First charge, Shippensburg, Pa., six years; (2) Carlisle, Pa., sixteen years; (3) First Church, Lancaster, Pa., eleven years; (4) and last, Carlisle, Pa., seventeen years. Married Rebecca Kieffer, November 26th, 1839, who, with four children, survives him. Died at Greencastle, Pa., May 8th, 1894, in the 80th year of his age. Buried at Carlisle, Pa.

KUSS, REV. CHARLES.—Born October 23d, 1816, Hamburg, Germany. Prepared for the ministry in University of Berlin. Was missionary in Russia. Came to this country 1844. Licensed in 1848, and ordained 1849. First charge, First Church, Louisville, Ky., five years; (2) Monroeville, O. Last charge, Reformed Salem's, Buffalo, N. Y., twelve years. Retired in 1875. Removed to Rochester, N. Y. A wife and six daughters survives him. Died at Rochester, N. Y., September 11th, 1893, aged 76 years, 8 months and 19 days. Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, N. Y.

LANGE, REV. JULIUS.—Born February 18th, 1841, in Schoeller, Prussia. Educated at home, and in the State Seminary for teacher, in Duseldorf. Was fourteen years teacher in same. Came to this country 1876. Entered German Theological School at Franklin, Wis., as student and teacher. Was licensed and ordained in 1878. First mission, Meridian, near Stafford, Oregon, 13 years. Returned to Germany on account of ill-health. Died in Germany, January 11th, 1894, aged 42 years, 10 months and 23 days.

LOOSE, REV. JOSEPH S.—Born March 17th, 1821, in Berks Co., Pa. Graduated from Marshall College 1849; from Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa., 1851. Licensed 1851. Ordained 1852. Only charge, Mechanicsburg, Pa., two years. Retired from the ministry; was Principal of school at same place, until 1857. Removed to Greencastle, resided there until 1864, then to Williamsport, then back to Greencastle, until 1870, when he removed to Rockingham Co., Va. Lived at Harrisonburgh, and Bridgewater, Va. Engaged, since 1857, in agricultural and business pursuits. Married S. Addie Gross, March 10th, 1858, who, with two children, survives him. Died April 17th, 1894, aged 73 years and 1 month. Buried at Hagerstown, Md.

SHADE, REV. JESIAH SHUNK.—Born Sept. 9th, 1818, Montgomery Co., Pa. Licensed and ordained 1848. First charge, Tylersburg, Pa., five years; (2) Bellefonte, three years; (3) Jerusalem, Pa., three years; (4) St. Petersburgh, Pa., three years; (5) Butler Co., three years; (6) Philadelphia; (7) Selinsgrove, two years; (8) McConnellsburg, Pa., eight years; (9) Astoria, Ills., five years; (10) Broken Sword, O., three years. Retired. Removed to Philadelphia. Married Charlotte S. Peterman, June 11th, 1848, who, with two sons, survives him. Died in Philadelphia July 31st, 1894, aged 75 years, 11 months, 22 days. Buried at Trappe, Pa.

THOMPSON, REV. ALBERT RHODES.—Son of William and Catharine Thompson. Born February 10th, 1851, in Blair Co., Pa. Prepared for the ministry at Ursinus College. Licensed and ordained 1879. First charge, Hummelstown, Pa., nearly two years; (2) St. Paul's, Chester Co., Pa., two years; (3) Mt. Bethel, Pa., two years; (4) and last, Rockingham, Va. Retired on account of failing health. Removed to Collegeville, Pa. A wife and eight children survive him. Died June 22d, 1894, aged 43 years, 4 months, and 12 days. Buried in Trinity Reformed Cemetery, Collegeville, Pa.

WEISZ, D. D., REV. ISRAEL S.—Son of Rev. George Weisz. Born November 27th, 1821, Lancaster, O. Prepared for the ministry at Mercersburg, Pa. Licensed and ordained 1843. First charge, Lancaster, O., ten years; (2) Nittany Valley, Pa., two years; (3) Mifflinburg, Pa., four years; (4) Williamsport, Pa., three years; (5) Mt. Bethel, Pa., six years; (6) and last, Paradise, York Co., Pa., ten years. Married twice; first, Elizabeth Sill Foltz, 1844; second, Emma L. Foxal, who, with seven children, survives him. Died at York, Pa., January 15th, 1894, aged 72 years, 1 month and 18 days. Buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, York, Pa.

WELKER, D. D., GEORGE W.—Son of Daniel and Anna-Mary Welker. Born November 3d, 1817, near Greencastle, Pa. Graduated from Marshall College, September 25th, 1839, and from Theological Seminary, September 29th, 1841. Licensed and ordained March 27th, 1842. Became pastor of churches in Orange and Guilford Counties, N. C.; continued pastor of same for 51 years. Married three times; first wife, Abigail Mason; second, Louisa Mason and third, Emily Jane Corbie, who survives him. Died at Lamont, N. C., July 9th, 1894, aged 76 years, 8 months and 6 days. Buried at Mt. Hope, N. C.

GROSS, REV. SIMON KUHNTZ.—Son of Daniel and Catharine Gross.

Born December 9th, 1829, in North Whitefield Township, Lehigh Co., Pa. Attended school under Rev. C. H. Kessler, Allentown, Pa. Studied theology with Rev. Joseph S. Dubbs, of same city. Licensed 1854. Ordained 1855. First charge, Salisbury, Lehigh Co., Pa., four years; (2) Schlichter's and Ridge Valley congregations, the latter, 35 years. Married twice; first, to Mary-Ann Wolf, August 4th, 1857, who died November 13th, 1864; second, to Maria Hartzell, April 5th, 1866, who, with one daughter by first, and one by second marriage, survives him. Died September 24th, 1893, through accident at World's Fair, Chicago; aged 63 years, 9 months and 15 days. Buried at Schlichter's, Pa.

WANNER, D. D., REV. AARON.—Born June 14th, 1819, in Skippack Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. Studied at Mercersburg College, and Theological Seminary. Licensed and ordained 1843. First charge, McConnellsburg, Pa., three years; (2) Navarre, and Washingtonville, O., ten years; (3) Germantown, O., four years; (4) Grind-

stone Hill, Pa., six months; (5) Germantown, O., five years; (6) Cumberland, Md., three years; (7) Heidelberg, York, Pa., six years; (7) York Springs, Pa., six years; (9) Kreutz Creek, Pa., until his death. Married Rebecca Miller September, 1844, who, with five children, survives him. Died at York, June 23d, 1894, aged 75 years and 9 days. Buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, York, Pa.

WIERES, REV. NICHOLAS.—Born in Emden, Hanover, Germany, July 17th, 1840. Was in early life a seaman. Had a checkered life. In 1871, whilst in New York, he felt called to the ministry. Entered Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis. Licensed and ordained 1873. First charge, Evansville, Ind., three years; (2) New Bavaria, O., six years; (3) 4th Church, Cincinnati, O., seven years; (4) Milltown, N.J., three and a half years. Married Aggie Feeken, August 27th, 1873, who, with one daughter, survives him. Died at Milltown, N.J., January 7th, 1894, aged 53 years, 5 months and 21 days. Buried at Elmwood Cemetery, near New Brunswick, N.J.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1893, TO AUGUST 31st, 1894.

1893.

Sept.	11—Death of Rev. Charles Kuss, Rochester, N. Y.
"	13—Annual Meeting of Central Synod, First Church, Akron, O., Rev. J. H. Stepler, D. D., President; Rev. J. Bachman, D. D., Stated Clerk.
"	19—Synod of Interior met in Reformed Tabernacle, Chicago, Ills., Rev. H. L. Beam, President; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Stated Clerk.
"	21—Laying corner-stone of First Church, Ephrata, Pa., Rev. S. Schweitzer, pastor.
"	24—Death of Rev. S. K. Gross, of Schlichtersville, Pa.
"	27—Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Greenville, Pa., Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., President; Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., Stated Clerk.
Oct.	4—Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Northwest, Lafayette, Ind., Rev. J. Otto Vitz, President, Rev. J. J. Jannett, Stated Clerk.
"	11—Annual Meeting Synod of Ohio, Bloomville, O., Rev. E. D. Wettach, President; Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Stated Clerk.
"	15—Laying corner-stone of church, West Hazleton, Pa.
"	17—Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Synod of Potomac, Gettysburg, Pa., Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., President; Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Stated Clerk.
"	18—147th Annual Meeting of Eastern Synod, St. John's Church, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., President; Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk.
"	20—Death of Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., New York.
"	29—Dedication St. Matthew's Church Manor, Fred'k Co., Md., Rev. I. M. Motter, pastor.
Nov.	5—Dedication of Church, Crystal Springs, O., Rev. I. S. Hahn, pastor.

1893.

Nov.	5—Centennial of Brush Creek Charge, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., pastor.
"	12—Dedication of Mt. Vernon Church, Keedysville, Md., Rev. B. R. Carnahan, pastor.
"	" Dedication of First Church, Goshen, Ind., Rev. B. B. Boyer, pastor.
Dec.	10—Dedication of Emanuel's Church, Madison Township, Columbia Co., Pa., Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, pastor.
"	17—Dedication of Trinity Church, Adamstown, Md., Rev. I. M. Motter, pastor.
"	17—Dedication of Chapel of Zion Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md., Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., pastor.
"	18—Death of Rev. J. H. Buser, Coneville, Iowa.
1894.	
Jan.	7—Death of Rev. N. Wiers, Milltown, N. J.
"	" Dedication of church, Louisville, O., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., pastor.
"	11—Death of Julius Lange, in Germany. Formerly missionary on Pacific coast.
"	15—Death of Rev. Israel S. Weisz, D. D., York, Pa.
"	21—Dedication of church, New Freedom, Pa., Rev. D. W. Kerr, pastor.
"	24—Dedication of First Church, St. Joseph, Mo., Rev. H. S. Gekeler, pastor.
"	27—Dedication of First Church, Ephrata, Pa., Rev. S. Schweitzer, pastor.
Feb.	1—Induction into office of Rev. Rufus W. Miller as Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod, in First Church, Phila.
"	11—Dedication of Church, Richville, O., Rev. I. A. Sites, pastor.
March	11—Dedication of Chapel, Apollo, Pa., Rev. J. N. Naly, pastor.
"	" Dedication of Church, Quakertown, Pa., Rev. F. J. Mohr, pastor.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH—Continued.

1894.		1894.	
March	14—Election of Miss Lena Zurfluh as missionary to Japan, by Board of Foreign Missions, Greensburg, Pa.	June	30—Third Annual Commencement of the Tohoku Gakuin, Sendai, Japan; <i>three</i> graduates from Japanese Theological Course; <i>two</i> from English Theological Course, and <i>five</i> from Collegiate Course.
"	18—Death of Rev. W. A. Helfrich, D. D., Fogelsville, Pa.	July	8—Laying of corner-stone of Christ Church, Hagerstown, Md., Rev. Geo. A. Snyder, pastor.
"	29—Death of Rev. J. C. Hensell, Mt. Crawford, Va.	"	9—Death of Rev. Geo. W. Welker, D. D., Lamont, N. C.
"	31—Death of Rev. B. R. Huecker, Lennox, South Dakota.	"	10—Election by Board of Foreign Missions at Tiffin, O., of lic. S. S. Snyder, of Columbiana, O., as Christian Endeavor missionary, and lic. Christopher Noss, of Silver Run, Md., additional missionary to Sendai, Japan.
April	1—Dedication of Daniel's Church, N. C., Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., pastor.	"	" Farewell Services preceding the departure of Miss Lena Zurfluh as missionary to Japan, in Rickley Chapel, Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O. Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of Board of Foreign Mission, presiding.
"	15—Laying corner-stone of Mission Church, Columbus, O., Rev. S. W. Seeman, pastor.	July	12—Rally of Reformed Christian Endeavor Societies at Cleveland, O.; nearly one thousand Reformed members present.
"	17—Death of Rev. J. S. Loose, Bridgewater, Va.	"	15—Laying corner-stone of church, Bromley, Ky., Rev. J. C. Kuhl, pastor.
"	18—Annual Commencement of Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.; <i>eight</i> graduates.	"	" Laying corner-stone of church, Indianapolis, Ind., Rev. H. Helming, pastor.
"	22—Relaying corner-stone of Bethany Church, Rev. F. Pilgram, pastor.	"	" Laying corner-stone of church at McConnellsburg, Pa., Rev. Geo. C. Erb, pastor.
May	1—Annual Commencement of Theological Department of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.; <i>eight</i> graduates.	"	19—Fifth Annual Reformed Reunion at Pen-Mar; 10,000 present.
"	6—Dedication of German Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. H. Weimer, pastor.	"	" Death of Rev. Chas. Becker, Phila., Pa.
"	8—Death of Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D., Carlisle, Pa.	"	22—Dedication of church, Humboldt Charge, Neb., Rev. O. Kuhn, pastor.
"	10—The Sixteenth Anniversary of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; <i>twenty-four</i> graduates. Dedication of new building of the seminary.	"	23—27—Third Annual Assembly of Reformed ministers and laymen at St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa.
"	" Dedication of Francis Memorial Hall, Spring City, Pa.	"	31—Death of Rev. J. S. Shade, Phila., Pa.
"	13—Death of Rev. O. E. Accola, New Philadelphia, O.	Aug.	9—Reformed Reunion at Idlewild, Pa.; 8000 present.
"	17—Annual Commencement of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.	"	12—Dedication of Wilson Avenue Reformed Church, Columbus, O., Rev. S. W. Seeman, pastor.
"	22—Laying corner-stone of new church, New Philadelphia, O., Rev. J. B. Rust, pastor.	"	15—Anniversary of Reformed Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. J. Rettig, Superintendent.
"	23—Landing of Mrs. W. E. Hoy, three children and Bible woman, Miss Yoshida Misao, from Sendai, at Vancouver, B. C.	"	19—Laying of corner-stone of S. S. Building, Salem's Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. G. W. Richards, pastor.
June	3—Laying corner-stone of Grace Church, Fort Wayne, Rev. A. K. Zartman, pastor.	"	" Dedication of church, Tannersville, Pa., Rev. P. M. Spangler, pastor.
"	6—Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa.; <i>seven</i> graduates.	"	26—Dedication of church, New Knoxville, O., Rev. M. Noll, pastor.
"	7—Twenty-fourth Annual Commencement of Allentown College for women; <i>seven</i> graduates.	"	30—Fourth Annual Reunion of Reformed people in Somerset Co., Pa., at Rockwood, Pa.
"	14—Commencement of Woman's College, Frederick, Md.	"	" "Bethany Day," at Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.; about 7000 present, Rev. T. M. Yundt, Supt.
"	20—Commencement of Calvin College, Cleveland, O.; <i>three</i> graduates.	"	" Fiftieth Anniversary of the Walnut Creek church, near Wiresburg, O., Rev. Chas. Hartman, pastor.
"	21—Fifty-eighth Annual Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; <i>thirty-four</i> graduates.		
"	" Annual Commencement of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O.; <i>twenty-one</i> graduates.		
"	" Annual Commencement of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.; <i>ten</i> graduates.		
"	23—Death of Rev. Aaron Wanner, D. D., York, Pa.		
"	27—Annual Commencement of German Mission House, Franklin, Wis.; <i>eighteen</i> graduates.		
"	29—Second Annual Commencement of Girls' School, Sendai, Japan; <i>one</i> graduate.		

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Form of Constitution for Congregational Missionary Society.**ARTICLE I.**

This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of _____ Reformed Church at _____, whose object shall be to advance the cause of missions.

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to serve one year.

ARTICLE III.

These officers, together with the Pastor as Chairman, shall be an Executive Committee, whose duty shall be: to arrange the program for monthly meetings and anniversary services, to examine and approve all readings, recitations, essays and reports, before they are given in public, and to carry out any instructions given by the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

This Executive Committee shall divide the congregation into several districts, and appoint two persons over each district as collectors, whose duty shall be to secure the names of new members, to collect every month the offerings of all the members and of others who may be monthly contributors, to report their work at each regular meeting and pay over their collections to the Treasurer. These collectors shall serve four months.

ARTICLE V.

Each member shall give as God has prospered him, but not less than five cents a month.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society shall meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, the Pastor conducting or directing the devotional services, and the President presiding the remainder of the time.

ARTICLE VII.

The program for the regular meetings shall include singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, reading the minutes, recitations, readings, addresses, report of the collectors, the offerings of those who have not otherwise given, unfinished business, new business.

ARTICLE VIII.

The money raised by this society shall be given only to the work of missions.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous regular meeting.

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WHERE TO SEND CHURCH MONEY.

OBJECT.	IN WHAT SYNOD.	TREASURER.	ADDRESS.
Foreign Missions,	General Synod,	Jos. L. Lemberger,	Lebanon, Pa.
Home Missions,	{ Joint Synods, Eastern and Potomac,	James T. Reber,	Reading, Pa.
" "	German Synod of the East,	John J. Nissley,	Hummelstown, Pa.
" "	Ohio Synod,	Geo. Ehrlen,	1937 Ridge Ave., Phila., Pa.
" "	Synod of the Northwest,	J. J. Leberman, D. D.,	Louisville, O.
Beneficiary Education,	Eastern Synod,	C. Baum, D. D.,	Lima, O.
" "	Ohio Synod,	Chas. G. Fisher, D. D.,	907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
" "	Pittsburg Synod,	L. H. Kefauver, D. D.,	Tiffin, O.
Society for Relief of Ministers,	Potomac Synod,	C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.,	Greensburg, Pa.
Eastern Theological Seminary,	General Synod,	Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D.,	Mercersburg, Pa.
Western "	Eastern Synod,	Rev. S. S. Miller,	St. Petersburg, Pa.
Franklin and Marshall College,	Ohio Synod,	John B. Roth,	Lancaster, Pa.
Heidelberg University,	Eastern Synod,	I. H. Reiter, D. D.,	Miamisburg, O.
Mercersburg College,	Ohio Synod,	J. W. B. Bausman,	Lancaster, Pa.
Ursinus College,	Potomac Synod,	L. H. Kefauver, D. D.,	Tiffin, O.
Sheboygan Mission Home,	Eastern Synod,	E. J. Bonbrake, Esq.,	Chambersburg, Pa.
Bethany Orphan Home,	Synod of the Northwest,	Frank M. Hobson,	Collegeville, Pa.
St. Paul's Orphan Home,	Eastern Synod,	C. F. Arpke,	Franklin, Wis.
Missions among the Indians,	Pittsburg Synod,	C. G. Gross,	870 N. 41st St., Phila., Pa.
Calvin College,	Synod of the Northwest,	B. Wolf, Jr.,	303 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa.
Reformed Orphan Home,	" " "	Rev. Ludwig Zenk,	Kiel, Monitowoc Co., Wis.
Catawba College,	" " Potomac,	Rev. J. F. Winter,	40 Louis St., Cleveland, O.
Church Extension,	General Synod,	Rev. C. Schoepfie,	Defiance, O.
		J. A. Foil, Ph. D.,	Newton, N. C.
		C. M. Boush, Esq.,	Meadville, Pa.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURY,	" "	Semi-Monthly,	1859
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MISSIONARY GUARDIAN,	" "	Monthly,	1891
REFORMED QUARTERLY REVIEW,	" "	Quarterly,	1849
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ENGLISH.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.	FIRST ISSUED.
ENGLISH.			
ORPHAN'S FRIEND,	Butler, Pa.,	Monthly,	1880
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FRANKLIN AND MARSHAL WEEKLY,	Lancaster, Pa.,	"	1890
WOMAN'S JOURNAL,	Frederick, Md.,	Monthly,	1891
REFORMED CHURCH MAGAZINE,	Reading, Pa.,	"	1893
GERMAN.			
JUNG AMERIKA,	Cleveland, O.,	"	1888

MEETING OF THE CLASSES.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.	STATED CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES.
EASTERN SYNOD.			
EAST PENNSYLVANIA	Broadheadsville, Pa.	May 13, 1895.	Rev. T. O. Stem, Easton, Pa.
EAST SUSQUEHANNA	Mt. Carmel, Pa.	June 10, "	" J. Calvin Leinbach, Sunbury, Pa.
GOSHENHOPPEN	Bechtelsville, Berks Co., Pa.	May 21, "	" C. S. Wieand, Pottstown, Pa.
LANCASTER	Maytown	June 4, "	" D. W. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa.
LEBANON	Robesonia, Pa.	May 2, "	" J. E. Hiester, D. D., Annville, Pa.
LEHIGH	Coplay Church, Pa.	May 13, "	" M. H. Diefenderfer, Allentown, Pa.
PHILADELPHIA	St. Luke's Church, North Wales, Pa.	May 14, "	" J. H. Sechler, D. D., 714 N. 15th St., Phila.
SCHUYLKILL	Trinity, Shenandoah, Pa.	June 10, "	" W. J. Muir, Tremont, Pa.
TOHICKON	Hellertown, Pa.	May 27, "	" N. Z. Snyder, S. Bethlehem, Pa.
WEST SUSQUEHANNA	Mifflinburg, Pa.	June 20, "	" W. A. Haas, Selinsgrove, Pa.
WYOMING	Conyngham, Pa.	May 15, "	" D. E. Schoedler, Turbotville, Pa.
PITTSBURG SYNOD.			
ALLEGHENY	East End, Pittsburgh, Pa.	May 20, 1895.	Rev. D. N. Harnish, Butler, Pa.
CLARION	Apollo, Pa.	May 16, "	" R. C. Crum, Du Bois, Pa.
ST. PAUL'S	Meadville, Pa.	June 6, "	" T. S. Land, Meadville, Pa.
SOMERSET	Keim, Pa.	May 15, "	" E. S. Hassler, Keim, Pa.
WESTMORELAND	Salina, Pa.	May 29, "	" J. F. Snyder, Manor Dale, Pa.
POTOMAC SYNOD.			
CARLISLE	Landisburg, Pa.	May 16, 1895.	Rev. J. D. Miller, Marysville, Pa.
GETTYSBURG	Fairfield, Pa.	May 16, "	" T. J. Barkley, D. D., Gettysburg, Pa.
JUNIATA	Alexandria, Pa.	May 30, "	" J. W. Pontius, Martinsburg, Pa.
MARYLAND	Adamstown, Md.	May 15, "	" E. R. Deatrick, Woodberry, Md.
MERCERSBURG	McConnellsburg, Pa.	June 6, "	" W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa.
NORTH CAROLINA	Calvary Church, Davidson Co., N.C.	May 1, "	" J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.
PORTLAND-OREGON	Wasougal, Wash.	June 6, "	" J. G. Schmid, Astoria, Ore.
VIRGINIA	Edenburg, Va.	June 5, "	" J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., Martinsburg, W. Va.
ZION'S	Barren's Church, Dillsburg Charge, York Co., Pa.	May 14, "	" A. Spangler, York, Pa.
OHIO SYNOD.			
EASTERN OHIO	Paradise Church, Mahoning Co., O.	May 7, 1895.	Rev. G. W. Henning, Osnaburg, O.
LANCASTER	Thornville, O.	May 9, "	" S. W. Seeman, Columbus, O.
MIAMI	North Hampton, O.	May 7, "	" H. M. Herman, D. D., Miamisburg, O.
ST. JOSEPH	Bluffton, Ind.	June 20, "	" F. Ware, Athens, Mich.
TIPPIN	Bettsville, O.	May 2, "	" A. H. Zeichel, Bellevue, O.
TUSCARAWAS	Trinity Church, Akron, O.	May 21, "	" E. D. Wettach, Akron, O.
NORTHWEST SYNOD.			
CHICAGO	Freeport, Ills.	June 5, 1895.	Rev. O. J. Accola, D. D., 1821 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
INDIANAPOLIS	Indianapolis, Ind.	June 5, "	" E. W. Henschen, 175 Ferry ave., Lafayette, Ind.
MILWAUKEE	Watertown, Wis.	June 6, "	" H. O. Jörris, Reeseville, Wis. [ette, Ind.]
MINNESOTA	Bougard, Minn.	June 5, "	" J. Otto Vitz, St. Paul's, Minn.
MISSOURI	Avenue City, Wis.	June 13, "	" Jacob Bohler, Prairie City, Mo.
NEBRASKA	Yutan, Neb.	June 6, "	" W. Bonekemper, Sutton, Neb.
SHEBOYGAN	Kiel, Wis.	June 5, "	" D. W. Vriessen, Timothy, Wis.
SOUTH DAKOTA	Scotland, S. D.	June 6, "	" F. A. Rittershaus, Menno, S. Dak.
URSINUS	Schaller, Ia.	June 6, "	" C. G. Zipf, Wheatland, Iowa.
ZION'S	Decatur, Ind.	June 6, "	" H. W. Vitz, Decatur, Ind.
CENTRAL SYNOD.			
CINCINNATI	Immanuel's Church, Ludlow Grove, O.	June 4, 1895.	Rev. J. Bachman, D. D., 669 Freeman Ave., Cincinnati, O.
ERIE	New Bavaria, O.	June 6, "	" W. Friebolin, 144 Aaron St., Cleveland, O.
HEIDELBERG	Kenton, O.	June 6, "	" Martin Vitz, New Bremen, O.
ST. JOHN'S	Ragersville, O.	May 28, "	" C. Schmidt, Baltic, O.
German Synod of the East.			
NEW YORK	Martha Memorial Church, N. Y.	June 11, 1895.	Rev. C. Brunner, Bridgeport, Conn.
GERMAN MARYLAND	Baltimore, Md.	June 11, "	" H. C. Schlüter, Baltimore, Md.
" PHILADELPHIA	Emanuel's, West Phila.	June 4, "	" M. F. Dumstry, Philadelphia, Pa.
WEST NEW YORK	Salem's Church, Buffalo, N. Y.	June 11, "	" C. Gundlach, Rochester, N. Y.
" PENNSYLVANIA	St. Paul's, Pittsburg, Pa.	June 4, "	" C. Borchers, Zelienople, Pa.
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.			
ILLINOIS	Summum, Ills.	May 8, 1895.	Rev. Joshua Wolbach, Anna, Ill.
IOWA	Wilton, Ia.	June 6, "	" D. H. Fouse, Columbus Junction, Ia.
KANSAS	Kansas City	May 16, "	" Geo. W. Remagen, Fairview, Ks.
LINCOLN	Imogene, Ia.	May 9, "	" T. F. Stauffer, Lincoln, Neb.
WICHITA	Wichita, Ks.	May 9, "	" D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Ks.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1894.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n	Communion.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		
				Members.	Unconfirmed.												Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Eastern	11	268	508	91,648	50,260	5,608	534	4,174	2,514	74,696	1,306	...	1,301	2,496	620	7,709	69,514	117	\$140,726 00
Ohio	6	115	223	21,011	5,890	714	664	1,442	949	17,031	494	4	736	342	198	2,401	19,381	29	16,921 00
Northwest	10	142	214	20,016	13,737	1,822	29	1,233	954	14,198	244	5	515	510	186	.....	10,602	35	14,487 00
Pittsburg	5	72	164	17,103	9,609	1,000	135	734	745	13,606	431	...	317	324	117	697	10,372	10	20,166 00
Potomac	9	160	302	35,625	21,143	2,012	418	1,932	1,057	30,163	671	3	312	825	283	2,666	26,785	60	39,036 00
German—East	5	53	53	13,616	9,936	2,159	14	717	926	10,687	103	1	697	445	51	1,100	10,711	11	9,390 00
Central	4	80	116	19,588	11,447	1,281	65	899	910	14,346	253	6	479	390	103	1,450	11,850	23	13,958 00
Interior	5	48	66	2,866	1,311	156	60	158	183	2,101	74	...	142	67	52	408	3,015	6	3,263 00
Total, 8 Synods	55	938	1,646	221,473	123,333	14,752	1,969	11,289	8,238	176,228	3,576	19	4,499	5,393	1,610	16,031	162,230	291	\$257,947 00
																			\$1,017,623 00

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.
Franklin and Marshall College,	Lancaster, Pa.,	J. S. STAHL, PH. D., D. D.
Heidelberg University,	Tiffin, O.,	J. A. PETERS, D. D.
Catawba College,	Newton, N. C.,	J. C. CLAPP, D. D.
Mercersburg College,	Mercersburg, Pa.,	W. M. IRVINE, PH. D.
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Eastern Theological Seminary,	Lancaster, Pa.,	E. V. GERHART, D. D., LL. D.
Western Theological Seminary,	Tiffin, O.,	D. VAN HORNE, D. D.
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Allentown College for Young Women,	Allentown, Pa.,	REV. J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, A. M.
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Theological Seminary and Training School Girls' School,	Sendai, Japan,	REV. M. OSHIKAWA.
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AGED MINISTERS IN OUR CHURCH.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man."—Lev. 19: 12.

All of the following Ministers are still living, and have been ordained over fifty years:

NAME.	ORDAINED.	ADDRESS.
REV. R. DUENGER, D. D.,	1834	Ashland, Pa.
REV. P. HERBRUCK, D. D.,	1834	Canton, O.
REV. J. KERCHER,	1836	Bloomington, Ills.
REV. GEO. W. WILLIARD, D. D., LL. D.,	1840	Collegeville, Pa.
REV. JOHN NAILLE,	1841	Hatfield, Pa.
REV. E. V. GERHART, D. D., LL. D.,	1841	Lancaster, Pa.
REV. D. KROH,	1841	East Saginaw, Mich.
REV. H. ST. J. RINKER,	1844	Mauertown, Va.
REV. F. A. RUPLEY, D. D.,	1844	Martinsburg, Pa.
REV. P. D. SCHORY,	1844	Lancaster, O.
REV. L. B. SCHWARTZ,	1845	Boston, Mass.
REV. P. J. SPANGLER,	1845	Farmer, O.
REV. REUBEN GOOD,	1845	Tiffin, O.
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COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.
BEING A TRIENNIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE LAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

	1872	1875	1878	1881	1884	1887	1890	1893
Synods,	4	6	6	6	7	7	8	8
Classes,	35	44	45	48	52	54	56	55
Ministers,	586	631	710	762	783	802	846	923
Congregations,	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403	1,465	1,481	1,570	1,591
Members,	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002	169,530	183,980	202,833	216,436
Members Unconfirmed,	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147	103,112	108,729	111,240	122,926
Baptisms, given year,	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309	13,682	15,940	14,471	14,455
Baptisms, in 3 years,	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750	41,825	46,553	45,648	43,321
Confirmed, given year,	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113	9,233	10,733	10,292	10,565
Confirmed, in 3 years,	23,247	25,233	26,753	28,240	27,223	30,558	31,116	32,854
Certificate, given year,	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113	5,043	5,582	6,721	7,114
Certificate, in 3 years,	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263	14,046	16,472	10,630	21,610
Communed,	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709	136,897	146,436	159,189	172,921
Dismissed, given year,	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249	2,122	2,551	3,024	3,535
Dismissed, in 3 years,	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791	5,819	7,250	6,614	10,395
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	318	387	174	1,626	1,767	2,419	3,318	3,891
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	722	920	1,711	4,436	5,578	6,469	8,928	11,653
Deaths, given year,	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591	4,787	4,638	4,792	5,180
Deaths, in 3 years,	12,594	12,000	14,102	14,492	15,292	14,207	14,888	16,991
Sunday-Schools,	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346	1,378	1,422	1,536	1,581
Sunday-School Scholars,	63,038	75,868	89,982	103,511	114,720	122,695	140,026	154,144
Students for Ministry,	75	123	157	141	145	186	299	284
Beneficial Contributions, given year,	\$86,650	\$79,680	\$61,727	\$73,400	101,148	\$141,122	211,617	219,919
Beneficial Contributions, in 3 years,	247,387	253,766	207,417	194,869	327,899	332,493	520,165	664,677
Congregational Purposes, given year,	310,000	531,929	630,189	779,572	804,321	937,051	983,593	
Congregational Purposes, in 3 years,	700,000	1,305,905	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228	2,678,957	2,968,785	

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Year.	Total Ministers.	Total Members.	Eastern Synod.	Ohio Synod.	Synod of the Northwest.	Pittsburgh Synod.	Potomac Synod.	German Synod of the East.	Central Synod	Synod of the Interior.	Total Benevolent Cont.
1870	522	116,529	\$46,265 70	\$11,119 98	\$ 9,954 35	\$ 8,558 96	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	\$ 76,000 64
1871	560	124,143	66,901 60	7,257 08	5,840 46	6,043 97	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	86,043 11
1872	574	128,771	45,561 29	8,323 11	5,029 71	8,056 19	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	66,970 30
1873	595	132,195	42,368 65	10,771 56	7,356 87	9,936 00	\$ 20,964 11	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	91,427 19
1874	600	135,600	41,101 67	12,767 02	8,466 45	11,157 89	12,724 92	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	86,217 95
1875	623	142,118	40,390 11	10,419 27	8,887 44	13,462 40	11,416 09	\$ 4,491 83	. . . . .	. . . . .	88,117 09
1876	650	143,609	36,367 50	7,828 00	9,988 00	7,063 00	13,144 41	3,706 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	78,096 41
1877	680	146,901	31,037 00	9,404 00	6,940 00	5,950 13	13,923 21	3,987 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	68,261 21
1878	710	147,788	22,782 00	7,032 00	7,980 00	5,816 00	13,923 00	4,194 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	61,727 00
1879	734	154,742	19,824 00	9,089 00	17,342 00	5,180 00	11,471 00	3,331 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	66,237 00
1880	746	161,002	27,734 00	6,834 00	12,655 00	6,457 00	16,019 00	3,802 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	73,401 00
1881	752	163,669	35,859 00	18,816 00	12,109 00	7,249 00	15,239 00	3,665 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	92,937 00
1882	767	166,586	37,956 00	11,724 00	5,658 00	49,100 00	14,093 00	5,349 00	\$ 7,927 00	. . . . .	133,816 00
1883	783	169,530	37,158 00	11,915 00	8,580 00	11,898 00	17,355 00	5,589 00	8,653 00	. . . . .	101,148 00
1884	780	172,949	45,705 00	10,783 13	12,617 00	11,076 49	29,068 90	6,978 00	10,156 00	. . . . .	127,284 52
1885	788	177,037	47,205 00	11,082 00	7,711 00	8,614 00	21,928 00	5,658 00	9,880 00	. . . . .	114,087 00
1886	802	183,980	59,744 00	14,825 00	10,252 00	8,824 00	32,912 00	5,662 00	8,893 00	. . . . .	141,122 00
1887	822	190,527	60,931 00	13,203 00	13,573 00	11,308 00	30,366 00	6,223 00	8,769 00	\$ 2,924 00	147,297 00
1888	823	194,344	69,178 00	14,687 00	11,641 00	19,197 00	36,727 00	5,523 00	12,530 00	1,767 00	171,250 00
1889	835	200,492	71,433 00	12,713 00	12,194 00	10,711 00	32,231 00	9,571 00	9,513 00	2,712 00	161,078 00
1890	856	203,858	75,416 00	33,234 00	13,585 00	24,331 00	37,729 00	8,286 00	10,294 00	2,320 00	205,195 00
1891	867	208,080	78,925 00	15,258 00	16,581 00	42,197 00	32,074 00	7,629 00	13,189 00	2,523 00	208,376 00
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1893	922	216,436	94,611 00	18,762 00	14,886 00	28,165 00	40,457 00	7,710 00	12,014 00	3,314 00	219,919 00
1894	938	221,473	140,726 00	16,421 00	14,487 00	20,166 00	39,636 00	9,399 00	13,958 00	3,263 00	257,956 00

TABLE OF FESTIVALS.

Year.	New Years Day.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter.	Whit Sunday.	Trinity Sunday.	Year.	New Years Day.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter.	Whit Sunday.	Trinity Sunday.
1895	Tuesday	February 27	April 14	June 2	. . . . .	1904	Friday	February 17	April 3	May 22	. . . . .
1896	Wednesday	February 19	April 5	May 25	. . . . .	1905	Sunday	March 8	April 23	June 11	. . . . .
1897	Friday	March 3	April 18	June 6	. . . . .	1906	Monday	February 28	April 15	June 3	. . . . .
1898	Saturday	February 23	April 10	May 29	. . . . .	1907	Tuesday	February 13	March 31	May 19	. . . . .
1899	Sunday	February 15	April 2	May 21	. . . . .	1908	Wednesday	March 4	April 19	June 7	. . . . .
1900	Monday	February 28	April 15	June 3	. . . . .	1909	Friday	February 24	April 11	May 30	. . . . .
1901	Tuesday	February 20	April 7	May 27	. . . . .	1910	Saturday	February 9	March 27	May 15	. . . . .
1902	Wednesday	February 12	March 30	May 18	. . . . .	1911	Sunday	March 1	April 16	June 4	. . . . .
1903	Thursday	February 25	April 11	May 31	. . . . .	1912	Monday	February 21	April 7	May 26	. . . . .

MEETING OF SYNODS

SYNODS.	PLACE OF MEETING.	TIME.	STATED CLERK.
GENERAL	Trinity Church, Dayton, O.	May 27, 1896.	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O.
EASTERN	St. John's Church, Shamokin, Pa.	Oct. 16, 1895.	Rev. J. Phil Stein, Reading, Pa.
OHIO	Grace Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.	Oct. 2,	I. H. Reiter, D. D., Miamisburg, O.
NORTHWEST	Milwaukee, Wis.	Oct. 3,	Rev. J. J. Janett, Sheboygan, Wis.
PITTSBURGH	St. Paul's Church, Butler, Pa.	Oct. 9,	Rev. J. H. Mickley, Scottsdale, Pa.
POTOMAC	Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick, Md.	Oct. 22,	W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg, Pa.
CENTRAL	Toledo, O.	Sept. 11,	J. Bachman, D. D., Cincinnati, O.
GERMAN OF THE EAST	Fourth Church, Baltimore, Md.	Sept. 11,	Rev. A. E. Dahlman, Buffalo, N. Y.
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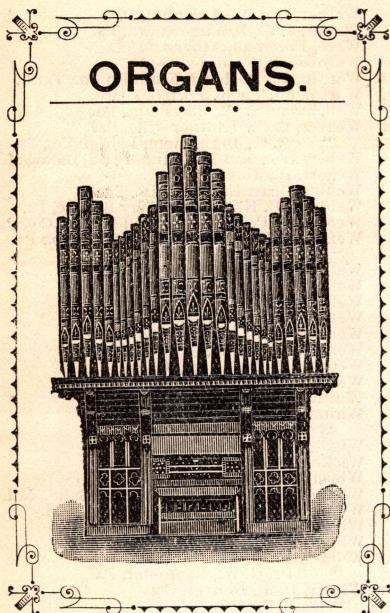
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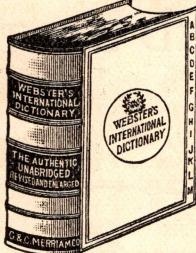
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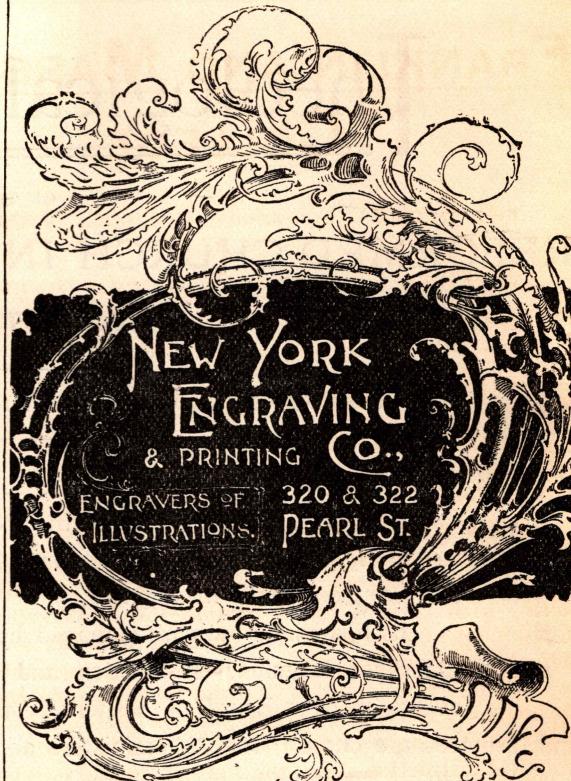
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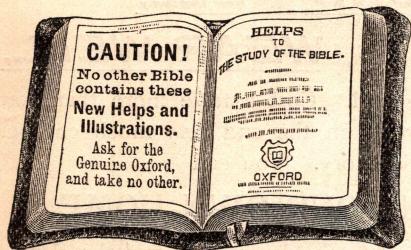
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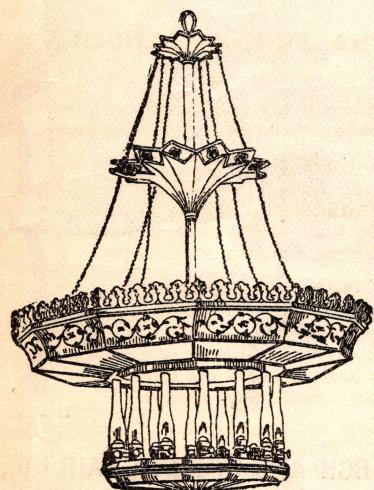
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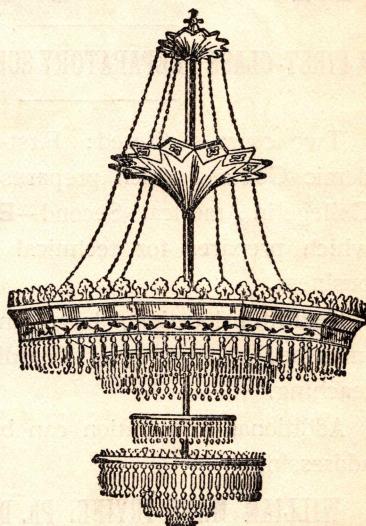
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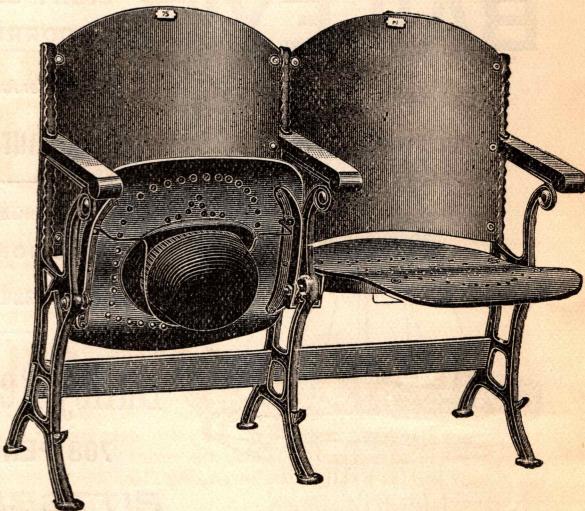
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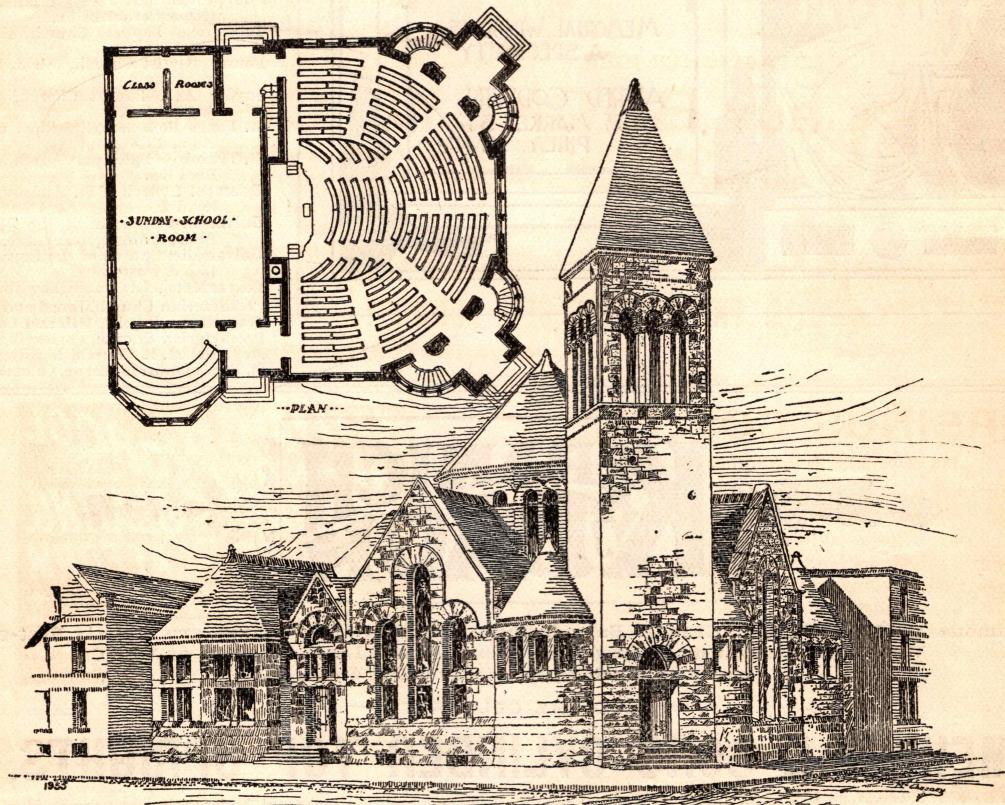
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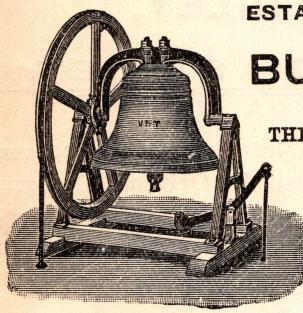
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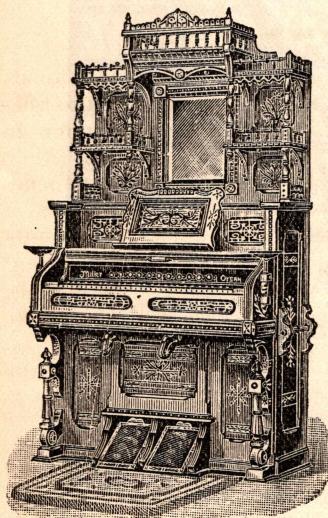
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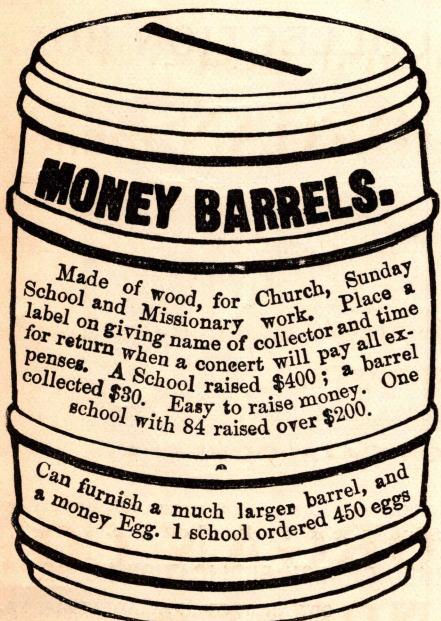
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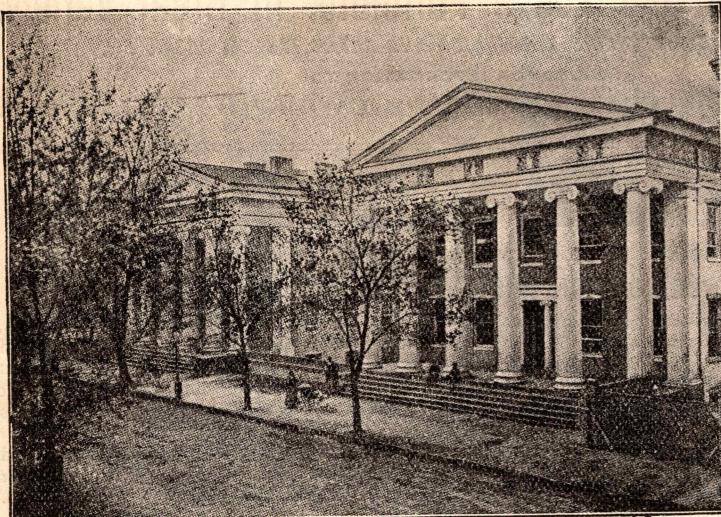
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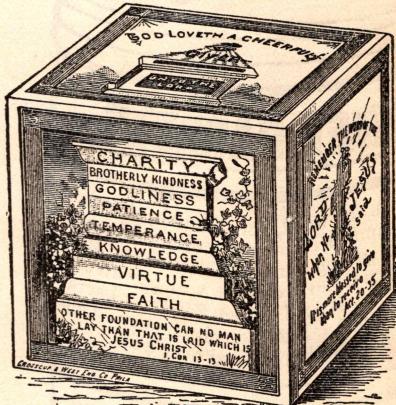
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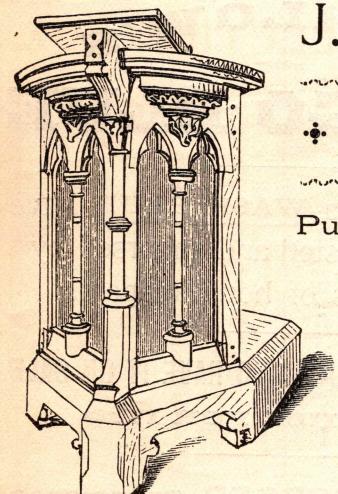
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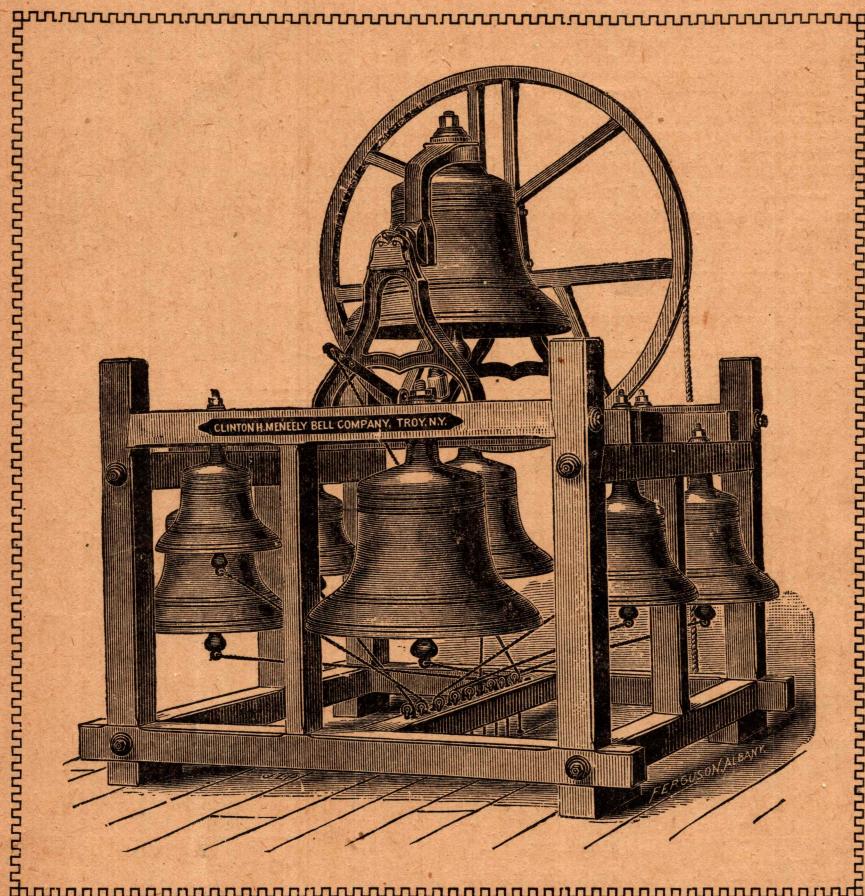
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